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**PRIME MINISTER** David Cameron took delivery of his own copy of the Vale's newspaper recently, when GEM general manager Caroline Attya presented him with a hot-off-the-press issue of The GEM.

The occasion was a Downing Street reception for representatives of the local newspaper industry, where Mr Cameron spoke passionately about the important contribution that newspapers like The GEM make to society and to local democracy in the UK today.

## PAVILION BECOMES 'CAMP ROCK'!

**RIGHT:**  
The Disney musical, Camp Rock, was performed by Brynteg school at Porthcawl's Grand Pavilion last week. Over three nights, the pupils wowed their audience, and you can see more photographs from the show on pages 9 and 26.



PHOTO by MANDY THOMAS.

## Maesteg woman facing jail after biting friend

A YOUNG woman has been scarred for life after a friend attacked her in her home when a group of three people had drunk two bottles of vodka, writes **AJ SICLUNA**.

Rachel Lewis (26), a mother of two, of Railway Terrace, Maesteg, was told by Recorder Elwen Evans QC at Cardiff Crown Court that prison is inevitable.

She pleaded guilty to a charge of wounding Vicky Brian.

Prosecutor David Elias said that on October 17 last year, Lewis and a young man and the victim

went to the victim's home in Maesteg, where they drank two bottles of vodka.

Ms Brian left the room and the defendant heard her talking about her. She asked for details and Lewis "out of the blue" suddenly attacked her. She punched her to the floor and bit her right ear.

As she lay in agony, said Mr Elias, she screamed: "Help me, please help me."

She bit her right ear again and her left forearm. Her victim fled from the premises. The following day, Lewis was arrested and said she had acted in self defence.

Ms Brian was taken to the Princess of Wales

Hospital and referred to a plastic surgeon. The wounds were stitched, but the scarring will be permanent, as will be a loss of some sensation, said Mr Elias.

Since the attack, Ms Brian has had difficulty sleeping and has moved from the area.

Lewis was said to have convictions for offences of dishonesty and for a public order offence.

Her counsel, Matthew Roberts, said that in the past she had been subjected to domestic violence and for years had been a heroin addict.

Sentence was adjourned until November and she was remanded on bail.

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# HILLS ARE ALIVE WITH THE SOUND OF 'SHWMAE!'

Mr Urdd visited Bridgend Library's Amser Tyfu group.



**CYNFFIG** Comprehensive School held a jam-packed day full of bilingual activities such as 'Brecwast Bingo', folk dancing and quizzes to mark 'Shwmae Sumae day' - now officially taking place on October 15 every year to promote the use of the Welsh language and to celebrate

## our Welsh Heritage.

Year-10 students led the morning assembly by giving a talk on challenges that face the Welsh language, and the school continued with the Welsh theme throughout their lessons during the day.

Pupils also put their best Welsh sentences on the designated 'wal graffiti', and staff got involved by holding their own Welsh themed coffee morning where they practiced the lingo.

Cynffig even continued the celebrations after school with an evening show featuring 'Pluck and Squeeze', a Twmpath band famed for their appearance in the BBC sitcom 'Gavin and Stacey'.

The school's junior and senior choirs also performed to a well turned out audience on the night.

Bridgend County Borough Council's deputy leader, Coun David Sage, said: "It's great to see people in our communities taking part in Shwmae Su'mae day, particularly young people who are taking the opportunity to use and promote our native language."

## Charity's free course on coping with cancer

**MACMILLAN Cancer Support is running a free course in Bridgend to help people to manage the emotional impact of a cancer diagnosis.**

Called 'Helping to Overcome Problems Effectively' (HOPE), Macmillan's new self-management courses, will run at the Ynysawdr Swimming Pool and Fitness Centre in Tondur for six weeks.

The courses will run on Wednesdays, 10am to 12.30pm, from November 12.

Topics include managing stress, fatigue and body image, and living positively with the fear of recurrence.

People wishing to attend the course must register in advance. To register, contact Genette Webster on 01656 867960 or email gwebster@macmillan.org.uk.

## Maesteg charity group proves to be a successful venture

**A MAESTEG community group set up by parents to give children with learning disabilities the opportunity to socialise with one another has grown into a successful business venture.**

Every Link Counts (ELC), which was founded as a charity in 1992 to help young people between the ages of 14 to 30 take part in mainstream social and leisure activities, now produces films, CD and DVDs, comics and digital stories for a range of clients across Bridgend County Borough.

Since being awarded £12,700 from the EU-funded South East Wales Community Economic Development (SEWCED) programme towards the refurbishment of its Digilink learning centre and film making facility, ELC has seen a surge in demand for its services.

The charity has also recently received more than £4,000 from SEWCED to help it buy video editing equipment including computers and cameras, allowing it to develop the business and generate more income.

"The initial funding enabled us to

provide a film production and editing service to local organisations," said ELC manager Steve Donovan.

"As we've continued to grow, we've had to upgrade our equipment to cope with the demand and expectations of our customers - which is ever-increasing."

Participant Jordan Richards (24) from Sam, Bridgend, said: "I enjoy coming here to meet my friends. It was great fun making the DVD and I also liked making the props, such as blowing up balloons."

Robbie Licez (36) of Laleston, Bridgend, said: "I meet my mates every week. I thought making the DVD was great - I felt like a pop star."

Coun Mel Nott, Leader of Bridgend County Borough Council, said: "ELC is a great example of a social enterprise generating income from trading activity which is used to subsidise its charitable activities. Its management team show what can be achieved with some creative forward thinking and determination."

The DVD has been uploaded onto YouTube. Watch a link here: <http://youtu.be/Oqclmxs8IZA>.



The Archbishop attended the wedding fayre at the Heronston Hotel where local clergy were manning a stand.

## Archbishop drops into wedding fayre

**COUPLES planning their wedding got the chance to talk to the Archbishop of Wales about marriage ceremonies recently.**

During a visit to Bridgend, Dr Barry Morgan called into a wedding fayre at the Heronston Hotel, where local clergy were manning a stand.

It is the third consecutive year that clergy from the Bridgend Deanery have run a stand at a local wedding fayre - deciding to do it again this year due to its success over the last two years. They were just one of the exhibitors at the wedding fayre.

The Archbishop explained: "These days couples have a huge choice of where and how they can marry."

"The church has been in the business of marriage longer than anyone and we wanted to show couples that a church wedding is particularly special."

"So we encouraged them to come and see what we could offer and how we could help them. A wedding fayre is a great place in which to do this and I enjoyed

meeting people there."

The Rev Mike Komor of Coity, Nollon and Brackla with Coychurch said: "The idea first came about a few years ago because we had been talking about how many young people seem to be under

the misconception that unless they attend a church they can't get married in one.

"We hit upon the idea of attending a wedding fayre to raise awareness of this issue."

## Macmillan needs more volunteers

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For further information contact: Macmillan Fundraising Support Centre on 0300 1000 200; Nicola Newhams (07872 423102), email [nnewhams@macmillan.org.uk](mailto:nnewhams@macmillan.org.uk)

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Nicola Newhams, Macmillan Cancer Support.

## HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL NOVEMBER 6)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

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01 Sat	00.06	8.1	12.47	8.2
02 Sun	01.32	8.0	14.09	8.5
03 Mon	02.49	8.6	15.15	9.0
04 Tues	03.50	9.2	16.16	9.6
05 Wed	04.42	9.8	17.02	10.0
06 Thur	05.25	10.1	17.50	10.2

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# Man jailed after 80mph police chase through the town centre

A POLICE chase between Bridgend and Church Village which lasted more than 20 minutes came to an end when three patrol vehicles boxed in the motorist who then collided with two of them, Cardiff Crown Court heard.

by AJ SICLUNA

Jamie Lawry (26) of Gwendoline Street, Treherbert, was jailed for a year and disqualified from driving for two years, after pleading guilty to charges of dangerous driving, driving without insurance and a licence, and possessing cannabis.

Prosecutor Byron Broadstock

said that at 11.40pm on September 15, police spotted Lawry driving at high speed in Coity Road, Bridgend. They put on the blue lights and suddenly Lawry did a U-turn and headed to the town centre at high speed.

"This was when the pursuit began. He went through a red light in Tremains Road, and as he approached Cowbridge Road, Bridgend, he was doing 80mph in a 40mph limit. He went across roundabouts without slowing and drove erratically towards Llantrisant. The helicopter was deployed and he went towards

Pencoed College on the wrong side of the road."

Eventually, said Mr Broadstock, he was boxed in by three vehicles and hit two of them.

Inside his car, police smelled cannabis.

He was said to have convictions for taking a vehicle, robbery and causing actual bodily harm.

His counsel, Tracy Lloyd-Nesling, said: "He was a heavy cannabis user but he was not affected by the drug that night."

Recorder Elwen Evans QC said: "This was a serious piece of protracted, dangerous driving and it was more by luck than judgement that injuries or worse were not caused."

## Van driver in court due to overloaded vehicle

A VAN driver has been convicted after his vehicle was found to be dangerously overloaded while travelling along the A473 near Coychurch earlier this year.

David William Giblette, from Cardiff, was stopped during one of the regular road traffic patrols carried out by Bridgend County Borough Council's Trading Standards team and South Wales Police.

His Ford Transit van was packed with so much turf that it was overloaded by nearly 30 per cent of its gross weight and by 41 per cent

on its rear axle.

Appearing at Bridgend Magistrates' Court on October 13, Mr Giblette pleaded guilty to three charges under the Road Traffic Act which included driving a dangerously overloaded vehicle.

He received fines and costs totalling £1,594 and was also disqualified from driving for a period of 56 days.

Bridgend County Borough Council's Leader, Coun Mel Nott said: "This was one of the most severe cases we have seen locally of a dangerously overloaded vehicle."

When overloaded in such a way, the operation of a vehicle's brakes, steering and its road holding are

all compromised and it poses a danger not only to the driver but to other innocent road users too.

"In addition, overloaded vehicles create an extra burden on the road and bridge network and contribute to problems of wear and tear such as pot holes."

He continued: "This case sends out the very clear message that overloaded vehicles will not be tolerated in the county borough."

"Carrying a bit extra

### Residents should go green for Halloween

RESIDENTS in Bridgend County Borough are being urged to go green for Halloween and recycle their leftover pumpkins.

Rather than leaving whole used pumpkins out on the street next to their recycling, residents are this year being asked to chop up their used pumpkins and put them in their brown food waste caddies - after they have removed any candles or wax.

Coun Phil White, cabinet member for communities, said: "We've seen some impressive Halloween recycling results in the last few years, so the message this time is more of the same please."

"It's important that residents remember to cut up their pumpkin lanterns this time around and place them in their brown food bins."

"If you want to have an extra green Halloween, you could always go online and find recipes for your pumpkin flesh and seeds. The Waste Awareness Wales website offers plenty of tips."

For more information, visit Waste Awareness Wales at <http://www.wasteawarenesswales.org.uk/>

## PORTHCAWL MUSEUM GETS A BOOST FROM 41 CLUB AND BANK



### Play to learn

A NEW initiative at the Bridgend Life Centre gives aged children between three and seven years old a chance to play and learn.

The new 'Play to Learn' sessions shows parents and children how to turn stories into play in the library, followed by fun and games in the sports hall to help youngsters pick up core skills.

### Art society's winter exhibition

TONDU and District Art society's winter exhibition 2014 is at the Len Evans Centre, Aberkenfig (near Bridgend - one mile from Jct 36 M4), from November 8-11 (10am-6pm daily, 11am-4pm Sunday).

Free entry, light refreshments, raffle, all welcome.

Porthcawl Museum recently received two donations to help it in its work of maintaining and exhibiting the town's historical archive.

Mike Spencer-Harty (left) the chairman of the 41 Club, presented a cheque for £350 to Paul Joseph of the museum, while Keith Price (right) of Barclays Bank, handed over a donation, also of £350. The 41 Club raised the money at their fete in the summer, and Barclays Bank match funded it.

The £700 will now be used in the conservation of the shipwrecked cannon found on the beach last winter

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# PATIENT SIDNEY SAYS 'THANK YOU' WITH CAKE!

**B E I N G** complimented on a job well done will always make your day a little sweeter.

But the tribute paid by one grateful patient really was the icing on the cake for Princess of Wales Hospital staff.

Bridgend resident Sidney Stanton was really pleased with the way he was looked after in the hospital.

So pleased, in fact, that he arranged for a cake to be baked and then delivered it to delighted staff.

The 83-year-old from Cefn Glas (pictured with staff) has had care in various departments over the last year or so.

On the most recent occasion, staff even brought him tea and sandwiches while he waited to be seen.

Mr Stanton said: "I was so well looked after, I decided I wanted to do something to show my appreciation."

He arranged for a local baker to create a lavish three-tiered iced cake, which he then personally delivered to the hospital.

Mr Stanton added: "I thought they could share it out among the staff or maybe raffie it to raise some money for charity."

Princess of Wales Hospital Chief Nurse Lesley Bevan said: "Staff



*Sidney Stanton pictured with Princess of Wales Hospital staff and the cake he bought them as a thank you.*

are always uplifted when they receive a compliment, especially when someone goes that bit extra like Mr Stanton has.

"We have never received such a beautiful cake before, and we have decided to raffie it to raise money for the equipment for the outpatient department."

## Bridgend head office for electrical firm

**ELECTRICAL, mechanical and building services contractor BFL Electrical has purchased a two-storey office building on the Village Farm Industrial Estate at Pyle, near Bridgend, as a new head office for a business that has grown steadily over the last eight years.**

BFL was formed eight years ago in Port Talbot and provides electrical installations in the domestic, commercial and industrial sectors.

Property consultant Knight Frank

advised the landlord on the sale of the premises.

As well as moving into its new HQ building, BFL Electrical has also appointed Wales and British Lions rugby international hooker Richard Hibbard to the company. He joins as business development director with a brief to promote BFL throughout south Wales.

Director Carl Clement said: "These are exciting times and our company is taking a massive step forward. We feel the time is right to take this opportunity as the company looks set for sustainable growth over the next few years."

## BRIDGEND PLANNING

BCBC Property - rear 5/6 Swynant, Pencoed - reduce and shape oak tree by three metres removing branch tips.

BCBC Parks and Playing Fields - rear 14 Westward Place, Bryntirion, Bridgend - fell one ash tree.

Mr Ieuan Davies - Cilfan, Heol yr Ysgol, Coity - remove six evergreen shrubs/trees and one cherry tree.

Rhymney Brewery - 26 Commercial Street, Maesteg - change use to cask ale bar, new shopfront, alterations to front and rear elevations, single storey rear extension and rear smoking area and fire escape.

Mr and Mrs S and J Davies - Gilfach Uchaf Farm, Llangynydd, Maesteg - alterations to redundant barn to create new dwelling (including demolition of two barns).

Mr Keith Austin - 1 MacGregor Row, Maesteg - dropped kerb to property.

Mr Rory McLaggan - Chapel Barns, Bridgend - relax standard time condition of P/09/376/FUL to allow further five years to commence works.

Mrs Onn Kee Davies - The Dragon House, 32 Penybont Road, Pencoed - change of use of former basement youth centre to one bedroom flat.

Mr David Cartwright - 13 De Londres Close, Porthcawl - two storey side extension to provide store and bedroom above.

Mr Darren Wilkins - 47 Woodlands Park, Kenfig Hill - two storey extension to rear, new dormer extensions and new pitched roof to existing porch.

Mr Justin Young - 21 Cwrtyr Hen Ysgol, Tondy, Bridgend - convert garage into habitable room.

Mr Gareth Rees - JG Plant Ltd, Heol Ffaldau, Brackla Industrial Estate, Bridgend - construction of two

storage sheds.

Mr David Picton - Picton Boats, 1 St Theodore's Way, Brynmenyn Industrial Estate, Brynmenyn - divide existing industrial units into five units.

Mr Glyn Goldsworthy - Ynyslas Isaf Farm, Blackmill, Bridgend - retrospective application for siting of caravan.

Mr David Williams - Glynogwr Lodge, Ty Pentwyn, Glynogwr, Bridgend - erect two log cabin holiday units for equine and/or mountain bike holiday lets and upgrade existing stable.

Mr John Davies - 176 Ffordd y Parc, Litchard, Bridgend - single storey attached garage to existing dwelling.

Mr Currie - Village Farm Café, Sturmi Way, Village Farm Industrial Estate, Pyle - erection of a conservatory to the side elevation.

Mr Martin Thurling - 72 Penybont Road, Pencoed - detached garage extension.

Porthcawl Primary School - Porthcawl Primary School, Meadow Lane, Porthcawl - cycle storage facility to accommodate 36 bicycles and 20 scooters within school grounds.

Corneli Primary School - Corneli Primary School, Greenfield Terrace, North Cornely - two bicycle storage facilities each accommodating 20 bicycles within school grounds.

Valleys to Coast Housing Association - land at Heol Cae Defaid, Garth, Maesteg - NMA of P/11/575/FUL regarding alterations to rear windows and doors to plot 1 and inclusion of letterboxes to plot 1 and 2.

Mr Gareth Evans - land adjacent 16A Dancoed, Blackmill, Bridgend - proposed construction of two bedroom dormer bungalow.

## 'Shopping street is an obstacle course!' SAYS GEM READER

**L**AST Saturday morning I was walking down John Street, Porthcawl, towards the promenade.

I only got as far as the travel agents when a small terrier, on an extended lead, ran across my path, almost tripping me over.

The dog yelped as it got tangled in my legs and the dog's owner, a youngish female, I would not call her a 'lady', let out a tirade of foul language accusing me of hurting her dog.

She had been talking to a group of women standing on the road, quite oblivious to what her dog was doing, and it was allowed to run to the full extent of the lead, which was approximately nine feet or so.

The fact that I am a pensioner made no difference to her. If it wasn't for the bollard at the edge of the pavement I would have had a nasty fall. I think extended leads should only be allowed in open spaces.

I was too shaken up to reply. I just untangled myself from the lead and carried on down the street. As I walked on, there were at least four dogs on the same type of lead. I have a dog, but he is trained to walk on a normal lead.

I got as far as the two bakery shops, which are next door to each other, and the pavement was totally blocked by tables and chairs from both shops.

I had to step out on to the road to pass them. A car was coming down the road behind me, which I didn't hear, and if it was not for his quick reactions, he would have knocked me

down.

I have no objection to tables out on the pavement after the road is closed at 11am, but not when traffic is still passing through.

After this incident, I was even more shaken up. I continued on down the street and, lo and behold, two cyclists, who looked to be in their 30s, were cycling the wrong way down the one-way street.

A van was coming towards them so they cycled up the pavement towards me. I could see they had no intention of stopping so I backed into a shop doorway for them to pass.

I was starting to get a bit paranoid now. It seemed as if someone 'up there' was trying to get me. I decided it was time for me to go home. I did not want to risk walking home, so I phoned my wife to come and pick me up.

As I made my way up to the seafront to meet her, two women came around the corner on mobility scooters and scraped my leg as they passed me. They did not apologise but carried on to the next shop where the both of them got off their scooters and walked calmly into the shop with their shopping bags.

My wife arrived and, thankfully, I finally went home.

As a senior citizen, I am doing my best to keep fit by walking as much as I can, but in future, with lots of the shops displaying their goods outside and reducing the width of the pavements I think I will avoid John Street on Saturday mornings.

TM Williams, Porthcawl

## Wick YFC win first bilingual eisteddfod

**ON Sunday, October 5, Wick YFC competed in the very first Glamorgan YFC Eisteddfod and won!**

This is a wonderful accolade for such a small club which consists of 18 members.

On the day, there were homework pieces with limericks, poems, songwriting, play scripts and a programme with art and photography.

Wick came first in that particular section as well. During the day, the members competed in recitations from Dylan Thomas. County members will compete at Welsh level - we wish them all the very best of luck!

This event is the only bilingual

eisteddfod of its kind in Wales. Ceredigion YFC host this year's eisteddfod, which will take place at Pontrhydfendigaid Pavilion on November 15, starting at 10.30am.

Wick are hosting the annual county stockjudging event this year by kind permission of Slade Farm and Penuchadre Farm, St Brides Major. They will be judging dairy, sheep, beef and pigs as well as the preparation trimming of lamb for showing.

The club have also organised a dance at Pencoed RFC, tickets are £5 each, available on the day or at the door.

Charlotte Thomas, Club leader, Wick YFC



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Sarn summer reading challenge participants with their goodie bags.

## Children tackle the council summer reading challenge



Children with staff from the mobile library van.

**CHILDREN** have recently enjoyed an action-packed afternoon of storytelling, games and crafts at Sarn Library to celebrate the

success of this year's summer reading challenge.

The challenge, organised by Bridgend Library and Information Service, encourages children to read six books of their choice

throughout the summer holidays alongside a packed programme of events at libraries across the county borough.

Children earn stickers and free rewards along the way, while those who successfully finish

the six-book challenge are awarded a certificate and a medal in school.

Pupils from Oldcastle Primary School kick-started this year's challenge by using their imagination and artistic skills to create masks in line with this year's 'Mythical Maze' theme. The children then paraded through Bridgend town centre to the new library at Bridgend Life Centre.

The children who completed the challenge at Sarn Library were invited to celebrate at an afternoon of fun craft activities and storytelling which included local children's poet, Mike Church providing an entertaining reading of E Nesbitt's *Book of Beasts*, with the help of nine-year-old volunteer, Rhys Reed.

To everyone's surprise, an escaped 'dragon' appeared at the library but luckily the Fire Brigade were on hand to help the children put out its fire with water pistols. The excitement then moved outside where children were invited to watch a water display by the

Fire Brigade, explore the fire truck and also climb aboard the mobile library, to discover the wide range of books on offer.

Children were presented with goodie bags from the Mayor of Bridgend County, Coun Gary Thomas and the Leader of Bridgend County Borough Council, Coun Mel Nott OBE, while enjoying light refreshments and chatting about their favourite stories and characters from this year's reading challenge.

Coun Nott said: "The summer reading challenge is a wonderful initiative to motivate children to read during the holidays and beyond.

"Fortunately, children across the borough are very enthusiastic to learn and improve their reading skills. This year saw a staggering increase of 40 per cent of children completing the challenge under the guidance of Stacey Thomas, community librarian, at Sarn Library which I hope will continue to increase year upon year."

## Triple tie in club's photo competition

**PYLE and Porthcawl Photographic Society** held its annual **Dennis Lines Memorial Trophy Competition** on Thursday, October 23 at the Glamorgan Holiday Hotel in Porthcawl.

Each member could enter up to four images, which could be digital images or prints in any combination.

Tim Fearnside judged the competition, and not only awarded the points, but also provided a critique on each image.

It was a very close-fought competition, and three images attained the top mark of 20 points: 'Boulders' by Geoff Baker, 'Young Oaks in the Fog' by Richard Craze and 'Jay Feeding in the Rain' by Glyn Edmunds.

There could only be one winner, so after much deliberation, first place was awarded to Richard Craze for 'Young Oaks in the Fog', with Geoff Baker and Glyn Edmunds therefore sharing second place.

Five images achieved 19 points, two from Trevor Owen and one each from Martyn Derbyshire, John Corcoran and Glyn Edmunds.

Congratulations to Richard for winning the competition and a big thank you to all who took part and for making it such an interesting and entertaining evening.

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The Dennis Lines Trophy presentation to Richard Craze (right).

Young Oaks in Fog.



Boulders.



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Local MP Madeleine Moon said she is keen to encourage the younger generation to take part in Remembrance Sunday ceremonies.

## NEWS FROM PENCOED COMPREHENSIVE



Shereen Miers and Hannah Griffiths.

## Netball girls earn their representative honours

Congratulations to two of our year-9 pupils, Rosie Pope and Hannah Griffiths, on getting into the county hockey squad.

Rosie is also in the county netball squad and has been selected for the Welsh National Netball Hub, which entails training with Welsh development coaches for nurture into a Welsh player of the future.

Congratulations also to Shereen Miers in year-12 on her selection for the county netball squad.

About 30 of our girls are also turning up for rugby training every week, led by Dean Ronan, rugby development officer, so we hope to be reporting on girls' rugby success at county and national level in the future.

Not to be out-done by the girls, the year-7, 9 and 11 boys' rugby teams are also doing well in the Ospreys East qualifying league in to the National Competition. Year-8 and senior team football fixtures for the Welsh Cup second round will be taking place after half term.

Well done to all the pupils (boys and girls) who've represented the school in the weekly matches since the beginning of the term, and all those who took part in the whole school sponsored walk before half term. Many thanks also to PE department staff for the time they spend on extra curricular activities.

### Transition

The school is used to welcoming pupils from local primary schools to



Rosie Pope.

Pencoed Comprehensive for transition activities, so it was a change to welcome headteachers and teaching staff from the primaries to school just before half term.

As part of the transition process, there are regular meetings throughout the school year between all the schools but on this occasion, the agenda focused specifically on sharing good practice on the recording of pupil data, because in order to help pupils make the best possible progress, it's important to be able to set realistic targets from an early age.

Tracey Mahoney, senior technical support officer at BCBC led on the training with input from Pencoed Comprehensive staff on how they make the best use of pupil data.

Mr David George, headteacher of Pencoed Comprehensive, said: "This was a very worthwhile meeting, helping us all to ensure that we can support pupils in as effective a way as possible from an early age right through to the time they finish school."

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## Pupils will lay a wreath on behalf of Bridgend MP

AS Remembrance Sunday moves closer, Bridgend MP Madeleine Moon faces the annual problem of needing to be in at least three places at once.

Invitations have arrived to attend the Remembrance services in Porthcawl, Bridgend and Kenfig Hill. Mrs Moon attends the Bridgend and Porthcawl services on a rotational basis, with the Porthcawl service being joined this year.

Madeleine said: "Each year I try and reach out to different groups of young people to lay my wreath at the services I am not able to attend."

"This year, Mynydd Cynffig Juniors will be laying the wreath in Kenfig Hill. Ellie Sheard, the head girl and Alex Fox, the head boy at Brynteg

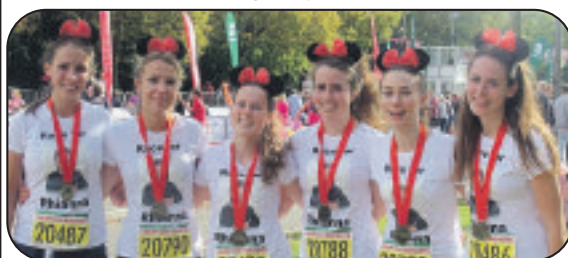
Comprehensive will lay the wreath in Bridgend."

The MP visited both schools and spoke to the pupils about how important she felt the Remembrance Service was, especially this year, which also commemorates the vast number of young people who died during the First World War.

She said: "We talked about how many local families who had lost relatives would be at the services and how Britain had changed and learned from those who sacrificed their lives."

"It is essential that young people begin to place a greater role in the local services so that they understand and honour those who died. I am looking forward to the feedback from the two services I am not able to attend from the young people who will represent me."

## Local ladies' team completes half marathon in memory of Rhianna



'We made it!' Journey's end - the ladies raised £4,500 for Helen House in Oxfordshire.

THREE Cowbridge sisters, who recently ran the Cardiff Half Marathon in memory of their four-year-old cousin, have raised more than £4,000 for the hospice that looked after her.

Little Rhianna Gallagher, died at Helen House in Oxfordshire earlier this year and sisters Sophie, Rachael, and Niamh Gallagher (17) were all keen to raise funds for the hospice.

Sophie, Rachael and Niamh's cousins who also live in south Wales made up a team of six.

Rachael told The GEM: "We completed the half marathon in an amateur but steady time of 2 hours 30 minutes, running the whole way

together. "The atmosphere on the day was incredible and we had family and friends at certain points along the way to cheer us on."

"Despite Sophie's sore knee halfway through, she kept running - no walking!"

"All six of us stuck together! The final amount raised is approximately £4,500. There are still a few donations trickling in."

The money will help in renovations at Helen House. The Just Giving page for donations is: [www.justgiving.com/Kate-Rickson1/](http://www.justgiving.com/Kate-Rickson1/).

**Praise not brickbats for Princess Hospital**  
I HAVE recently returned home after spending four weeks in the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend.

I should like to put on record how impressed I was by the kindness, care and sheer professional competence shown to me, and others, in the ward, at all levels of staff.

This was the NHS at its best and deserves some praise rather than the brickbats usually thrown at it.

Michael Clay, Cowbridge

# CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS REINDEER COMPETITION

Porthcawl shops taking part in the competition will be displaying the poster shown on the right.



IT is week three of the GEM reindeer competition organised by Porthcawl Town Twinning Association and Porthcawl Chamber of Trade.

By now, youngsters taking part should have collected plenty of clues as they follow the story of Santa's missing reindeer.

Don't worry, if you have missed the first two episodes, they can still be read via The GEM's

online edition service.

Copies of those first two episodes can also be collected from the Porthcawl Town Council office in Victoria Avenue.

The full competition rules were printed with

parts one and two.

Part 3 of the story is below, and keep a look out for the poster (above) which will identify which Porthcawl shops are taking part in the competition.

## The Mysterious Disappearance of Father Christmas' Reindeer

Part 3 Know-it-all, the Famous Elf Detective

Written by Joël Guerriau (Mayor of St Sébastien sur Loire, Senator and children's author)

Illustrated by Mathieu Redelsperger  
Translated by Melanie Weaver (Porthcawl St Sébastien Town Twinning Association)

FATHER CHRISTMAS did not have any news of his reindeer for 10 days, and he became more and more worried. So he decided to ask the help of Know-it-all, the famous elf detective, known by others for having solved the mystery of the Transformation of Milk Teeth.

Due to his small size, Know-it-all was able to creep around everywhere without ever being noticed.

Each year at the Perfect Wood's Grand Bazaar, craftsmen came from the four corners of the land to sell beautiful objects that they had made. Bright Spark made the most of this to display the reindeer. They were so marvellous that they looked alive.



A businessman, fascinated by them, bought them all. His idea was to make a million copies of them to sell before Christmas, all around the world, to decorate shop windows.

A month later, Father Christmas still did not have any news of his reindeer. In desperation, he decided to call Bright Spark to buy his sleigh, when suddenly Know-it-all appeared: "I believe I know what has happened to your reindeer! The last time they were seen they were near the spring at the red oak trees. Then they mysteriously disappeared!"

"So I asked myself who could have been interested in making them disappear, and have my own little idea on that matter..."

"To be sure of selling you his sleigh, Bright Spark with the help of the witch Ugly Dora, transformed your reindeer into wooden objects."

"In that case, all we need to do is to get them back and ask the good fairy Saintes to bring them back to life," exclaimed Father Christmas.

"It is not that easy. They have been sold along with reproductions to thousands of shopkeepers. Luckily, the distinctive characteristics of your reindeer allow us to differentiate between them. I cannot tell you any more. That could put my informer in danger."

Find out whether the reindeer are found in the next edition of The GEM...



# YOUR CHANCE TO SHARE THE COMMUNITY NEWS

## Harmony Ladies Choir

"WOW! What a spectacular evening we have been treated to this evening" people were heard saying as they left Harmony's recent annual concert at Maesteg Celtic Club.

Once again, Harmony put on a varied programme. This year, the artists were none other than the choristers themselves, as well as the choir's talented compere Anthony Bywe.

The concert was opened by a song 'Sing for You' which has been written specifically for Harmony by its talented musical director Wendy Murphy and has now become the choir's signature song.

Harmony's programme consisted of many types of songs - there were slow ballads such as 'To Believe', and 'Right Here Waiting'. The choir also performed songs written by its own members, 'Here With Me' by Louise Murphy-Jones and 'Smile and Wave' by Laura Murphy.

These songs are among the favourites of the choir, along with upbeat songs such as 'Say A Little Prayer', 'Sweets For My Sweet' and 'Sweet Talking Guy', part of a Chiffons' medley.

The songs had the audience, clapping and foot tapping to the rhythm.

In between songs, Anthony Bywe and Shân White, with their comedy banter are like a double act which has the audience in fits of laughter helping to create

a fantastic atmosphere. The choir ended the concert with the lively 'Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy' by the Andrews Sisters, which received a standing ovation with the audience shouting for more. Not to disappoint, Harmony then sang another fast-paced piece, 'Rockin' Robin' which had everyone clapping.

The soloists were choristers Amanda Brain, Laura Murphy, Sheila Budge and Sharelle Brain, each singing a completely different type of song. This showed off the individuality of each of their voices.

Sharelle is the baby of the choir and is soon going off to India to teach English. The choristers wish her all the best on her travels.

Musical director, Wendy Murphy, also sang a solo piece she had composed herself, entitled 'Falling Like Rain' which she dedicated to her late father. The words of the song are touching, and many of the audience were close to tears.

In the second half, Anthony Bywe performed his rendition of 'Bring Him Home' from *Les Miserables* which is always a favourite for many people. He sang like an angel as a silent hush filled the hall during his performance.

Harmony are now preparing for their Christmas. For any enquiries on how to book or join them, please contact either Shân or Wendy on 01656 739337.

**Ogmore**

## Valley Male Voice Choir

BRIDGEND county borough has been honoured by the distinction that the above choir has been invited to perform in a banquet concert at the Goldsmith Hall on Thursday, November 6, for the Lady Mayoress of the City of London, Clare Gifford.

The choir has its own concert hall, Canolfan Bethlehem Centre, Commercial Street, Ogmore Vale which has full disabled access, and rehearses there on Thursday evenings from 7pm, and welcomes new members.

## Pen y Fai WI

The recent meeting began with the president Jean Griffiths introducing the speaker for the evening Helen Jones, the subject being 'My life in the Met'.

This was a change to normal practice because of Helen's travel distance in getting to Pen y Fai.

Helen was born and raised in Caerphilly and trained as a teacher in Swansea training college. After qualifying, she worked as a supply teacher for 12 months and decided it was not for her.

She saw an advert for the Metropolitan Police and phoned for information. She was given an interview at Paddington Green police station, was accepted and completed 15 weeks' training at Hendon Police College. She was posted to Chelsea, where she served for six years on the beat. During this time

## NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM:

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she met countless dignitaries and endured the IRA Hyde Park bombing.

She then decided she would like to work with juveniles, which she did for a while until an opening came up to join the murder squad at New Scotland Yard, where she spent 20 years.

She was involved during this time with a team that helped solve 55 murders, and explained how the team is made up of a variety of experts dependent on each individual case. She then passed around papers to the members with clues on four murders she had been involved in, and they had to try and solve the cases.

The members of the WI found her talk entertaining and illuminating. Ann Jones gave a vote of thanks.

Jean Griffiths welcomed the members and announced birthday greetings to the members celebrating that month.

Mavis Heck, the minute secretary, read out the minutes of the previous meeting and they were confirmed as correct by the members.

Jean Griffiths announced that the New Year celebration dinner would be held on February 2, 2015 in the school hall, and outside caterers would be employed to provide the service and food.

The next meeting on November 17, starting at 7.30pm in Pen y Fai C of E primary school, will have the subject 'Treats for Christmas'.

The members then enjoyed a hot drink and refreshments.

**Royal British Legion**

THERE will be a World War One centenary concert at Maesteg Town Hall on Saturday, November 1, doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

Music will be provided by the Briton Ferry silver band, and the soloist will be soprano Charlotte Skidmore. She has been a past winner of the Bridgend 'Singer of the Year' competition, and is

a past pupil at St Clare's school, Porthcawl and at present studies at the Royal Academy of Music.

The Maesteg 'Gleemen' will also be leading the audience in the communal songs.

Tickets are £5, available on 01656 733700, or at the Royal British Legion, Commercial Street.

**Golden wedding**

MANY congratulations to Brian and Anne Powell of Meadow Street, Ogmore Vale, who will be celebrating their golden wedding anniversary tomorrow (Friday, October 31, Halloween!)

Their original wedding was planned for a later date at the local chapel in Ogmore Vale. However, they decided to run away together to Brian's lodgings in Bristol.

After some hours, they were tracked down by two angry fathers and brought back home to Sunnyside in Ogmore Vale. They were then married on Halloween under a special licence at Bridgend Registry Office.

During the following 50 years, they have had two children and four grandchildren. At 72 years of age they are now both retired, but keep themselves busy with dancing classes, membership of choirs etc.

**Maesteg 'Gleemen'**

I ATTENDED the recent annual concert organised by the choir at Maesteg town hall.

The choir has greatly modified its repertoire since I was a chorister with them, and the programme during the concert had a great deal of variety of different types of music.

Conducted by musical director Alun Hodges and accompanied on the piano by his wife Suzanne, the choir started the concert with two songs from *West Side Story*: 'Tonight' and 'Somewhere'.

Next was Naomi

Jenkins, the winner of Bridgend singer of the year competition in 2014. Naomi had also been the star of Bryntirion Comprehensive's *Annie* and this year gained merits in the Grade 4 singing examination.

She sang Carl Jenkins' song of 'He wishes for the Cloths of Heaven' and Martin Charmin's 'Tomorrow'.

She was roundly applauded by the audience.

On stage came the lovely soprano Gwawr Edwards. She was so professional and her choice of music had so many variations.

She had the audience spellbound as she started her performance of Guy d'Hardelot's 'Because' followed with a medley of Welsh songs, including 'Lan Y Mor' which was also included in the choir's programme.

The two songs were so differently sung, it was amazing. Gwawr was accompanied by her elder sister Menna Griffiths on the piano.

Gwawr appeared on stage three more times, at the end of which she had a standing ovation and agreed to sing an additional song.

The choir appeared on stage five more times, with Anthony Bywe singing a solo part of 'Anfonaf Angel' in the last appearance.

The choir's rendition of this song had been so brilliantly interpreted by the musical director Alun Hodges.

During the concert the choir had sung four songs arranged by its accompanist Suzanne, they were 'Can't help falling in love', 'Lan Y Mor', 'Celtic Anthem' and 'Perhaps Love'.

It had been a lovely concert and was finished with the traditional Welsh National Anthem 'Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau'.

**Tondu Primary School**

MRS Susan Pilsher, headteacher, would like to invite carers and friends of children in Miss Jones' and Miss Mahoney's class 1a to join the class assembly on Friday, November 7, at 10.20am.

Everyone will be most welcome to stay afterwards and have a hot drink, and take part in a 'linger and learn session' for half an hour of fun learning activities.

Susan would like to congratulate the following pupils who took part in the primary schools cross country competition at Bryntirion Comprehensive on Saturday, October 18. They were Jerry Chan, Seren Dare, Jonny Evans, Dylan Griffiths, Connor Jones, Frazier Marshall, Elis O'Connor, Keiran O'Connor, Jacob Waterman, Cariad

Westlake and Iestyn Williamson.

She would also like to congratulate Amber Lloyd for winning a prize in Sainsbury's calendar colouring competition.

**Aberkenfig and District United Churches**

THE organisation which operates the Storehouse shop in Aberkenfig and helps people in need, has arranged with Ogmore Valley silver band to perform in a concert at Aberkenfig Bible Church (Old Lyric cinema), Pandy Road on Saturday, November 1st 7.30 pm.

Tickets are £5 and all money raised will provide funds to help the storehouse.

**Parkinson Group**

THIS social group meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 7pm to 9pm in the Llys Swn Hall, (the old general hospital building) Quarella Road.

The next meeting is on November 12 and the group has a speaker at every meeting. This time it will be a representative from the Welsh Air Ambulance Service.

The members will also be discussing the Christmas entertainment requirements, which will include a meal in the Heronston Hotel restaurant and a party in the hall.

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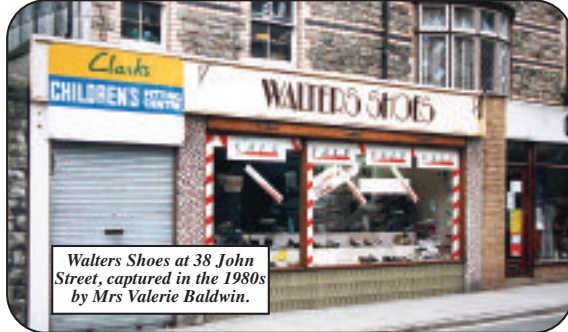
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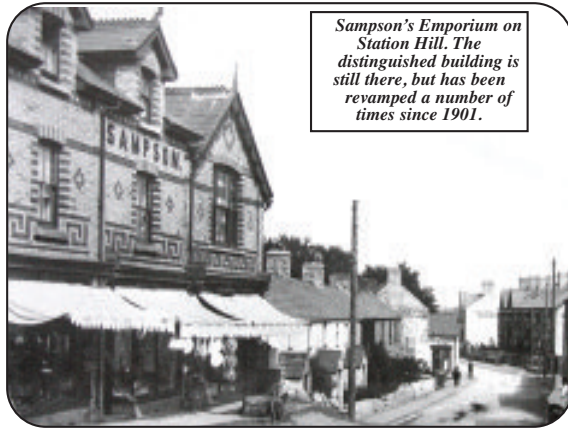


# PORTHCAWL SHOP HAS WALKED THE WALK FOR A HUNDRED YEARS

Report and photographs by Keith E Morgan



Walters Shoes at 38 John Street, captured in the 1980s by Mrs Valerie Baldwin.



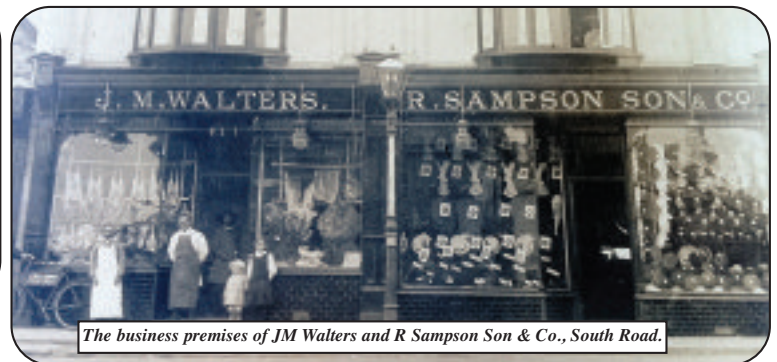
Sampson's Emporium on Station Hill. The distinguished building is still there, but has been revamped a number of times since 1901.



Celebrating 100 years in Porthcawl.



Jane Hunt with the commemorative Welsh slate plaque.



The business premises of JM Walters and R Sampson Son & Co., South Road.

ABOVE: John and Margaret (Maggie) celebrating what was possibly the 75th anniversary of the Walters shoes business in 1989.

ON Saturday, October 18, Walters Shoes received official recognition of their 100-year achievement when they received an inscribed commemorative Welsh slate plaque from Coun Sean Aspey, the Mayor of Porthcawl, on behalf of the Porthcawl Town Council.

The ceremony was carried out in front of Walters Shoe Shop in John Street. Those present included directors of Walters Shoes, Jane Hunt and Jo Richards, together with Coun Sean Aspey and his Consort, Mrs Pat Aspey, John Berry, chairman of the Mayor's Civic Fund, Maggie Rees, Mel Rees, Helen Warmesley (assistant manager), Deb Bowen, Kath Preston (manager), Mary Trainor, Sarah Jones, Lizzie Hunt and Mel Rees (manager of

Clarks Shop and the longest serving employee in the Walters Shoes organisation).

Unfortunately, John Walters was away and unable to attend this auspicious occasion.

Following the presentation of the commemorative plaque, Jane Hunt formally handed a cheque to John Berry for the Mayor's Civic Fund with a special request that the amount donated go to the Sandville Foundation, one of the three charities supported this year by the Mayor.

**'Bond Street service in south Wales'**

THE above was the title of an article that appeared in a late 1940s edition of 'The Footwear Magazine'.

During the period

when this article appeared, Walters (Footwear) Ltd had outlets in Bridgend (opened 1920), Swansea (opened 1930), Cardiff (opened in 1942), Neath (opened 1947) and subsequently Newport.

Today, there is just one Walters Shoes shop and that is in Porthcawl where the seed of this footwear business was firmly planted by its pioneer founding father as far back as 1872.

Young Richard J Sampson came to Porthcawl to make his fortune from the fishing village of Looe in Cornwall. He was a ship's carpenter and came to Porthcawl at a time when it was a growing town.

As an entrepreneur in the same mould as fellow pioneer James Brogden, and through hard work and self sacrifice, he made a success of his businesses.

In about 1874, Richard



The very musically gifted Sampson family in the early 20th century.

established a small chandlery on Station Hill which catered mainly for small coastal vessels and their crews. He married and had a large family and consequently established more businesses throughout the town.

Richard was also very musically gifted and had mastered the art of playing many instruments. He also conducted a local orchestra, many of whose members came from his own family and thereby helped to establish the rich musical traditions of

Porthcawl.

One of Richard Sampson's outlets on South Road (opposite to where the railway level crossing used to be), was next door to J M Walters, Butchers, and this is where the Walters shoe story really begins.

Welsh-speaking Welshman John Morgan Walters fell in love with and later married the girl next door - Martha Sampson, one of Richard Sampson's 10 children.

She was to eventually inherit the Sampson boot and shoe business which later led to the birth of

Walters Shoes in 1914.

The young couple built a business that later became one of Porthcawl's oldest family-run businesses.

The fledgling Porthcawl outlet was soon to become a flourishing business in its own right.

It was based upon close personal contacts with the growing population of Porthcawl and the visitors during the summer months.

John was elected as chairman of Porthcawl Urban District Council for 1929-1930 and

became a long standing president of the Porthcawl Amateur Dramatic and Operatic Society (PAODS); a family connection that is maintained to this day by Jane Hunt who takes an active part in some of the society's productions.

Fourth generation John and Maggie took over in due course to run the business for a further four decades, with daughters Jo Richards and Jane Hunt eventually taking over joint directorship in 2004.

In conclusion, I would like to thank John

Walters for trawling through the family albums to provide the old photographs.

I would also like to thank amateur photographer and historian, Mrs Valerie Baldwin, for her valued contribution of the 'print' of Walters Shoe shop which she took in the 1980s. It was part of her successful quest to record for posterity - using the media of photography - the changing face of Porthcawl.



# BRYNTEG SCHOOL STUDENTS TAKE CAMP ROCK MUSICAL TO THE GRAND PAVILION

STUDENTS at Brynteg Comprehensive School took their show on the road last week, when they staged the Disney musical, *Camp Rock*, in the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl.

While many schools prefer to keep their shows 'in house', in recent years the school has given the pupils the chance to perform on a theatre stage, and the young cast gave it their all over the three-night run, with each performance more energetic than the last.



Photographs by MANDY THOMAS (Available for purchase, telephone 07541 982794).  
SEE PAGE 26 FOR MORE PICTURES.

## MAIN CAST

MITCHIE TORRES – Emily March  
SHANE GRAY – Scott Jeffery  
NATE GRAY – Lewis Coster  
JASON GRAY – Oat Jenner  
CAITLYN GELLER – Alice Stride  
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# NEW YOUTH MAYOR IS ELECTED FOR THE VALE

## Tom takes on the role



ABOVE: New Youth Mayor Tom Chandler with Coun Stuart Egan.

THE Vale Council's youth service has unveiled Stanwell School pupil Tom Chandler (17) as Youth Mayor for the Vale, with Emily Peters (15) of St Richard Gwyn High School taking on the role of Deputy Mayor.

There were almost 3,000 votes cast by young people aged 11 to 25 from schools, training providers, and youth clubs across the Vale during Local Democracy Week and Deputy Leader of the council, Coun Stuart Egan, presented

certificates and badges of office to both elected candidates.

He said: "I was very proud to be able to announce the new Youth Mayor and Deputy Mayor. The youth cabinet has been a hugely successful scheme helping to give a voice to young people across the Vale, and this takes that work a step further."

"I'd like to congratulate both Tom and Emily, and thank everyone involved, including the thousands of young people who took the time to listen to the manifestos and cast their vote."

Tom Chandler said: "I



Deputy Youth Mayor Emily Peters.

am very grateful for this opportunity. I'm looking forward to taking young people's issues forward and making sure our voices are heard in the Vale of Glamorgan."

# Apprentice Sion shortlisted for national award

A WELL-KNOWN politician once suggested that unemployed young people should get on their bikes in search of work and Sion Hampson took that literally – as his step into the workplace is in repairing and refurbishing bicycles at Pedal Power, based in Pontcanna, Cardiff.

Now Sion (24) from Dinas Powys, has been shortlisted for the Jobs Growth Wales Outstanding Achiever of the Year accolade at the Apprenticeship Awards Cymru 2014 to be held at the Celtic Manor Resort, Newport on Friday, October 31.

The awards, split into 13 categories, are organised jointly by the Welsh Government and the National Training Federation for Wales (NTFW). Showcasing excellence in skills development in Wales by learners, employers and learning providers, the awards are sponsored by Pearson PLC with



ABOVE: Sion Hampson.

support from media partner, Media Wales.

The awards recognise employers who commit to developing their workforce through apprenticeships and other work-based learning programmes, which support employees during their training.

They are also a great way to evaluate training and development, as well as a fantastic motivational factor for any work force or learner. The apprenticeship programme in Wales is funded by the Welsh Government with support from the European Social Fund.

Sion was out of work for three years prior to joining Pedal Power as part of the Jobs Growth Wales programme in March through learning provider Itec Training Solutions and has now been retained as an apprentice in customer service. He started as a bicycle service officer, moved into repairs and refurbishment and now manages his own section, with responsibility for supervising volunteers to ensure quality and safety standards are met.

"This opportunity through the Jobs Growth Wales programme has transformed my personal outlook and significantly enhanced my future prospects," said Sion.

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## COPING WITH A CANCER DIAGNOSIS

MACMILLAN Cancer Support is running a free course in Bridgend – to help people manage the emotional impact of a cancer diagnosis.

Called Helping to Overcome Problems Effectively (HOPE), Macmillan's new self-

management courses will run at the Ynysawdre Swimming Pool and Fitness Centre in Tondur for six weeks on Wednesdays from 10am to 12.30pm from November 12.

"Macmillan is offering HOPE to anyone living with a cancer diagnosis. Topics the course focuses on include managing stress, fatigue and body

image and living positively with the fear of recurrence," said Susan Morris, general manager for Macmillan Cancer Support in Wales.

"We at Macmillan know that receiving a cancer diagnosis has a huge emotional impact. Macmillan is delighted to be offering HOPE in Wales as the programme can give people the tools they need to manage the emotional consequences of living with cancer."

People wishing to attend the course must register in advance. Contact Genette Webster on 01656 867960, or email gwebster@macmillan.org.uk.

Macmillan can only fund programmes such as this thanks to the generosity of the public. To find out more about how you can help, call 0300 1000 200 or visit www.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising.

## Bridgend and Vale team up on CCTV coverage

A JOINT CCTV unit which covers both Bridgend County Borough and the neighbouring Vale of Glamorgan is to be set up in Bridgend.

Cabinet members from Bridgend County Borough Council have agreed to enter into a legal agreement with the Vale Council which will see the two local authorities merge their

CCTV operations.

Coun Mike Gregory, Bridgend County Borough Council's cabinet member for resources said: "CCTV monitoring is a valuable service which helps to reduce crime and make our communities safer. CCTV operators can assist the emergency services by alerting them to a developing situation, track suspects, record footage used in prosecutions, direct emergency service vehicles to specific locations or help locate missing children and vulnerable adults.

"We are always looking for ways to deliver council services in a more efficient way and I welcome this collaboration with the Vale of Glamorgan

Council. The partnership is cost-effective and a single, super CCTV unit based in the 24-hour Customer and Community Support Unit in Bridgend will enable us to pool our resources and provide an excellent service for the Police and residents across the two local authorities."

Coun Stuart Egan, the Vale Council's deputy leader, said: "This is an excellent example of the Vale working in partnership with our neighbours to deliver an improved service at a lower cost. The new CCTV service will operate 24/7 and enable us to work more effectively with South Wales Police to reduce crime across the two counties."

## Dementia support project praised

THE Older People's Commissioner for Wales has praised The Solace project which works to improve the quality of life of people living with dementia and reduce the strain on carers.

It has encouraged hundreds of people in the area to take part in activities such as painting and drawing.

Artwork created by people who attend its cognitive stimulation groups has been on display at the Norwegian Church Arts Centre in Cardiff Bay as part of the Dementia in Art Exhibition.

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## WHAT'S ON - In brief

### Rhoose History Society

THE Rhoose & District History Society is holding another of its popular talks this month and we are pleased to welcome speaker Helen Mills, a Heritage Coast Ranger, who specialises in conservation, countryside and wildlife.

Members and non members are most welcome on Friday, October 31 at Rhoose Community Hall (Lesser Hall with side entrance) to commence at 7.30pm. There is a £1 entrance charge to cover costs.

### Enfys craft fair

ON November 1, Enfys will be holding the second of three craft fairs running up to Christmas.

It has chosen the Wales Air Ambulance as its November charity.

For more information about the fair and free charity table, contact Beryl on 01446 418695 or Cyril on 01446 400149.

## OPEN EVENINGS

3rd & 12th November 2014

Monday 3rd is open to year 11 students and parents from our partner schools: Corpus Christi, St Iltyd's, Mary Immaculate, and St Richard Gwyn; as well as St John's College, Cathedral School, St Teilo's, Eastern and Willows High Schools.

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Flashback to 2011 when Nathaniel was in the SCBU at the Princess of Wales Hospital.

## Family will celebrate Nathaniel's third birthday with a charity walk!

A PENARTH family will brave the elements to raise money for the Princess of Wales Hospital as a 'thank you' for the fantastic care given to their youngest member.

Nathaniel Goodhew was born more than two months prematurely and spent the first five weeks of his life in the hospital's special care baby unit.

Now his mum Esther, dad Robert, big brother Tom and big sister Angharad are raising money for the unit.

A hospital spokesman said: "It's not just because of the tremendous care Nathaniel had, but for the way the entire family was looked after."

Over two days next month, they will walk from their home in Penarth to the Princess of Wales Hospital in Bridgend, with Nathaniel joining them for the final stage.

Mum Esther explained that as the family lived near Cowbridge in 2011, she was offered the choice of having her baby either in Princess of Wales or the University

Hospital of Wales.

Because other family members had received excellent care at Princess of Wales, that was the hospital she chose – only to spend far more time there than she could ever have anticipated.

Esther said: "Nathaniel was born nine weeks prematurely. My waters just broke suddenly at 30 weeks and I had an emergency Caesarean at 31 weeks."

"There were some complications. Nathaniel was very unwell and we owe his life to the medical staff who cared for him during those difficult weeks."

"He was in the SCBU for just under six weeks. He came home for three days but he became unwell, so he spent 10 days on the children's

ward before he could come home again."

Esther said: "The way they looked after us as a family was also fantastic. It had a huge impact on his older brother and sister, Tom and Angharad, who were aged 11 and 10 when he was born."

"We will always be grateful for the way they were made to feel welcome on the ward, always included and always considered at every stage of Nat's stay."

"The staff's dedication meant the children were even able to have some very special memories of their first Christmas with their little brother. It made a world of difference."

To help the unit continue to provide that same high quality care,

Esther, Robert, Tom and Angharad will walk from Penarth to the hospital on Saturday and Sunday, November 8-9.

They will follow the Wales Coast Path for most of the 40-mile route, in shifts with one adult and one child on each shift.

Nathaniel, who will be three on November 28 and starts nursery at Penarth's Albert Primary School in January, will join them for the final mile to the hospital.

Esther said: "He's absolutely gorgeous and a very happy, healthy little boy – we've been incredibly lucky."

Anyone who wants to support the family's fundraising can donate by visiting <https://www.justgiving.com/m/Robert-Goodhew>.



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Cloudy2Clear service the Vale, Bridgend, RCT and Porthcawl areas and Phil is finding that his

approach is a major factor in his success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've

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## CARDIFF CROWN COURT ROUND-UP by AJ SICLUNA

# Dinas Powys man jailed after smashing up mother's home

**A DINAS POWYS man lost control after taking a cocktail of alcohol and 100 Valium tablets.**

For what was described by Recorder Elwen Evans QC as a "grave incident", Ross Williams (26) of Nightingale Place, was jailed for 14 months.

He had admitted a charge of affray.

Prosecutor Byron Broadstock said that on September 25 the police went to an address in

Nightingale Place after a report that a man with a stick was smashing up premises there.

They found a number of windows shattered at an address, and when they went in, Williams' 64-year-old mother directed them to her son, who was agitated and holding an axe handle.

He told her: "You called the police. Great. I'm going back to prison."

His mother at one point was between the police and her son and became hysterical.

He was taken to the

floor and handcuffed, but he kicked two officers.

He had convictions for two robberies at newsagents, for which he received three years.

His solicitor, Anne Griffiths, said: "His mother continues to support him. He had taken alcohol and 100

Valium tablets, and had recently lost his job."

Said the Recorder: "It was a very nasty incident from any view at your mother's address."

"You were armed, and you used a weapon to shatter windows. You lost all reason towards your mother and the

police."

She said he was fortunate in having parents who supported him.

"She has concern for you and your previous drug habit. Your behaviour was beyond all control and your antecedent history is significant."

## Man held knife to his throat before attacking police

**A SCHOOLGIRL who saw a distraught man holding a knife to his throat in the centre of Barry approached him and attempted to calm him down, it was stated at Cardiff Crown Court.**

Later, five police

officers went the home of Kyle Sulman (24) in Holton Road, where he became violent and struck a woman police officer in the groin and attempted to headbutt another.

Sulman admitted charges of possessing an offensive weapon and assaulting the police.

Prosecutor Julian Greenwood said that on September 29, a 15-year-old girl saw Sulman sitting on a bin in George Street, crying. He had a kitchen knife in his right hand and was holding it to his throat.

As she approached, he said: "I need it so I can end my life," and added that his girlfriend had finished with him because she thought he was paranoid.

The schoolgirl tried to distract him, and he calmed down. He was about to give her the knife when someone shouted at him.

Later, said Mr Greenwood, five police officers went to his flat where he was challenged and became violent, assaulting two officers.

He was handcuffed and even his legs were restrained, said Mr Greenwood.

He later said he had intended cutting his throat and would have gone through with it. He attacked the police, he said "to get rid of his anger".

He added that if he had the knife during the scuffle, he might have used it on the police.

His solicitor, Adam Sharpe, commended the girl for her compassion: "It was an alarming incident. He has been emotionally scarred by his background and has often been homeless."

Sentence was adjourned for further enquiries into his background and he was remanded in custody.

## PENARTH MAN IS JAILED FOR CANNABIS OFFENCE

**LESS than two months after being convicted of drugs offences, a Penarth man was once again dealing in cannabis, Cardiff Crown Court heard.**

Bobby Bloom (24) of Masefield Road, Penarth, was either "arrogant or naive" in ignoring previous warnings, said Judge Tom Crowther QC.

He was jailed for 56 weeks. He had been convicted by Cardiff Magistrates of possessing cannabis with intent to supply and supplying the drug. He was also in breach of a suspended sentence for

drugs offences.

Prosecutor Julian Greenwood said Bloom was convicted on February 4.

On March 30, police searched his home and once inside, detected a strong smell of cannabis.

A search revealed five bags of cannabis, two digital scales, two mobile phones and plastic bags.

He had been supplying 15-20 friends to fund his own habit, said Mr Greenwood. He sold on a regular basis. The value of the drugs discovered was about £900, he said. No cash was recovered from the house.

The suspended sentence involved the police finding 10 bags of cannabis on him when

they spotted him on the Atlantic Trading Estate, Barry.

His solicitor Anne Griffiths, said he didn't dispute the prosecution case.

He had the offer of a job, she said, and at the time of the offences, he had debts of £800.

She conceded that the amount of the drug and the repetition of such offences was an aggravating feature.

"Unfortunately, he has mismanaged his money", she said.

Said the Judge: "You have all the accoutrements for dealing and choosing to ignore previous warnings, you are either arrogant or naive."

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# Out and About with The GEM

## Textile expert's talk to Guild

**DR Keirine Canavan, researcher and cultural expert, specialising in endangered tribal woven textiles, will be the speaker at the next meeting of the Glamorgan Branch of Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers.**

Dr Canavan, head of textiles and lecturer at the Cardiff School of Art & Design, is a world specialist in traditional tribal weaving techniques and is currently engaged in her research project, Al-Sadu: Historical traditions and future prospects; and working on associated woven traditions in the Arabian Gulf region. Traditional Al Sadu

woven textiles convey the Bedouin women weavers' ideals of their rich heritage and instinctive awareness of natural beauty, with patterns and designs messaging the nomadic lifestyle, the desert environment, and the emphasis on aesthetic symmetry and balance due to the making process.

The guild meeting will be held on Thursday, November 13, at the Kynance Hall, Dinas Powys, starting at 7.30pm until approximately 9.30pm. Visitors welcome. Members £2; non-members £5.

For further information, email: glamorganguildwsd@gmail.com

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## What's on in and around your area

**Barry Railway group meeting**  
THE Barry Railway Group will meet tonight at the Conservative Club, Penarth - all are welcome, no charge but a contribution for the speaker would help!

Thursday, October 30, at 7.30pm, 'The Golden Age of Paddle Steamers on the Bristol Channel', photos and an informative talk with Steve Rowson.

A members' evening will take place on Thursday, November 27, 7.30pm. Bring your own photos, DVDs etc and share them with other members.

**Library's Halloween**  
THERE will be Halloween crafts (and owls) at Cowbridge Library on Friday, October 31 from 10.30am-11.30am.

Meet the owls from Owls4u and enjoy a craft session, for all ages. The event is free, but a donation to Owls4u will be appreciated.

**Information service**  
THE Vale Family Information Service will be at

## Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D850:

● £2,000: 806078.  
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For lottery information please call telephone 02920 672062.

Cowbridge Library on Friday, October 31, from 10.30am-11.30am giving information about childcare, children's activities and family support in the Vale.

**Councillors' surgery**  
LLANTWIT First Independents will be holding a surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major, on Saturday, November 1, 9.30am-11.30am.

Residents who have any issue to raise are welcome to attend.

**Valeways walks**  
ON Sunday, November 2, at 2.30pm, Frank Roper two fields, farms and church, starting from St Tydfil's Church, Llyswoyney (SS 962741).

Tuesday, November 4, at 10am, Hoffi Cerdded, Hoffi Coffi, starting at Coffee Cove Café, Barry Island.

Wednesday, November 5, at 1.30pm, Coffee Shop Strollers from Romilly Café, Cold Knap Barry.

Thursday, November 6, at 10.30am, 'Llantwit lanes' starting from Llantwit Major railway station car park.

**Flower arrangers**  
THE Cowbridge and District Flower Arrangers Club will meet at 7.30pm on Wednesday, November 5, in the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge Town Hall, when Elizabeth Graham will give a demonstration entitled 'Gather Ye Holly'.

**RNLI display**  
THE Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) will be bringing its national touring exhibition 'Hope in the Great War' to a Barry gallery this November.

Commemorating the centenary of World War One, the exhibition honours the bravery of RNLI volunteers who risked their lives to save others.

Open to the public at the Art Central gallery between November 5 and January 3, 2015, Hope in the Great War continues its four-year tour of RNLI and other museums and RNLI lifeboat stations, highlighting the extraordinary achievements of ordinary people who volunteered for the RNLI.

## Autistic society's coffee morning

THE National Autistic Society, Cardiff and the Vale Branch, is holding a Christmas coffee morning in the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road Barry, on Saturday, December 13 (10.30am-12pm).

The event is aimed at parents/carers of children/adults with autism and may also be of interest to professionals working with families who live with autism.

It offers a chance to meet and talk to other parents and carers, over a cup of tea or coffee.

Also, there will be representatives from NAS Cymru and the Cardiff and Vale Parents Federation. Softplay facilities will be available for children.

For further information, www.cardiffandvaleautism.org.uk

throughout the war years.

The exhibition comprises a collection of original artworks which illustrate each of the six stories featured.

**Cowbridge History Society**  
THE society's next lecture will be on Friday, November 7, at 7.30pm in the Lesser Hall, Town Hall, Cowbridge.

The topic will be 'The Battle of St Fagans and the Second Civil War in South Wales 1648' by Robert Matthews.

**Rat Pack Live**  
THE Rat Pack Live comes to Maesteg Town Hall on November 22 (7.30pm).

It includes stars from the West End in a brand-new spectacular honouring the kings of swing, Sammy Davis Jr, Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra.

**Trust trip**  
THE Vale of Glamorgan Association of National Trust members is organising a four-night break to Hayling Island, May 18-22, including a visit to the new Mary Rose exhibition in Portsmouth's historic dockyard, with coach travel from Cowbridge.

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# Pitt and company show filth and Fury of wartime action....

**BRAD PITT** must have a taste for 'men-on-a-mission' war films. Having taken down Hitler in *Inglourious Basterds*, this time Pitt finds himself teaming up with Logan Lerman, Jon Bernthal, Michael Pena and Shia LaBeouf in *Fury*.

The group play the crew of a Sherman tank, led by Pitt's wonderfully-monikered Wardaddy, on a deadly mission behind enemy lines to hold their line and repel the enemy. When their tank is damaged, the five of them must unite together to face their German foes, with their survival, and possibly the outcome of the Second World War, depending on their success...

The premise of *Fury*, and indeed the writer/director in charge of it, screams out as a genre film intent on delivering spectacle more than substance. But the mumbblings over the quality of the film, with some pegging it this early on as a dark horse contender come awards time, hinted that there was a greater balance of the two elements than you would have expected – and so it proves.

*Fury* is a powerful and visceral film that leaves a lasting impact on you come the end credits.

The man in both the writer's and director's chair, David Ayer, has made his name delivering no-nonsense, testosterone-fuelled affairs, penning the likes of *Training Day* and the similar, yet hugely underrated, *Dark Blue*, while having taken double duty on the likes of *Harsh Times* and *End of Watch*; in short, Ayer is a filmmaker whose films concern themselves with men being men, guns and lashings of violence and crime.

That isn't to say that Ayer has suddenly toned down his skill set for this film – we're left in the company of a group of highly-charged men, facing a daily battle to stay alive, where violence and outbursts of anger and frustration are the norm – but what gives the film more weight and impact is the setting, the battlefields of World War Two resonating far more than Ayer's usual stomping ground of the streets of Los Angeles.

We see the world through the eyes of Logan Lerman's newcomer Norman, and Ayer amps up the conflict among the group with Norman's arrival,



by GARETH JAMIESON  
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this young man an unwelcome addition to a collective already battle-hardened and almost numb to the severity of war.

It's a technique used in many films, but it suits Ayer's narrative needs perfectly, and as we learn more about the group, as they find themselves facing down possible death, we are taken in and feel for what, on the surface, appear to be a pretty unsympathetic bunch.

Visually, Ayer nails the grime and dirt of war, while the action beats are delivered with incredible ferocity and style, unflinching in their realism but shot through with a superb eye for imagery.

Meanwhile the quieter moments – a wave of airplanes shooting through the skies above the heads of the crew, or Wardaddy and Norman seeking solace in the 'normality' of the lives of two young German girls, offer more than just blood and thunder.

Brad Pitt may be the headline act, but this is an ensemble piece, with Pitt's Wardaddy front but not necessarily centre. Pitt is ageing into a superb actor, the much-vaunted looks giving way to performances of

real depth, and he offers a similarly nuanced turn here.

The bravado and sense of duty the character has on the surface give way to doubts and fears that are only ever glimpsed at, but you know all too well are there.

While the rest of the tank's inhabitants (Shia LaBeouf, Michael Pena and Jon Bernthal) are lesser characters, they still resonate as Ayer grants them all a moment in the sun, the performances more than cutting the mustard, but Logan Lerman is the stand-out here.

His fear and lack of desire for the horrors of war are all too palpable as he grows in front of our eyes, necessity rather than choice informing his behaviour in what is easily Lerman's best performance yet.

While you can't say *Fury* breaks down new boundaries of storytelling, following a predictable path, and the sense of triumphalism may grate slightly, its incredible power really resonates, allowing you to look past its lack of originality, making for a tremendous offering.

**VERDICT** – Living up to the hype, *Fury* could indeed be a dark horse contender once the awards season commences. David Ayer shows a hitherto unseen depth to both his writing and direction, and marshals a superb cast into delivering excellent performances, in what is an incredibly powerful piece of filmmaking.

**MUST SEE.**  
SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Das Boot* (1981), *Band of Brothers* (2001).

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# BARRY ISLAND FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR WEDNESDAY, 5th NOVEMBER

## Get ready for Rotary's Fireworks Night Fiesta!

One of Barry's most spectacular events! – that's how Carl Kerr, chairman of the Rotary Club of Barry's fireworks committee, describes the annual display that thrills thousands of people each year.

This year's event is the 41st Fireworks Fiesta and takes place on Wednesday, November 5. The event is supported by both the Vale Council and Barry Town Council.

Carl told The GEM: "It seems no time since I first took on the Fireworks Fiesta in 1983. It was then in its 10th year and 'fired' by Rotarians in Romilly Park. There were crowds of 3,000 to 5,000.

"Now, after trying various venues, including Lakeside at the Knap, we have settled on Friars Point to the west of Whitmore Bay on Barry Island.

"The event attracts some 15,000 people and is truly a spectacular display, attracting not just Barry people but those from the south Wales valleys, Cardiff

and beyond.

"Thanks to the choice of location, there is plenty of entertainment, along with shows for visitors and spectators to enjoy."

Carl explained that the whole display is free.

"The event also has musical accompaniment and there is no admission charge because our major sponsors, Barry Town Council and the Vale Council, meet a great proportion of our costs.

"We do, however, rely on our bucket collections which, largely owing to the generosity of the viewing public, helps us to fill our charity coffers so that we can respond to local needs.

"Recently, we have provided four cardiac defibrillators and training for their use, and a number of nebulisers for asthma sufferers, as well as assisting local action groups as required.

"One group we plan to help is 'Riding for the Disabled'.

"This year's display will be dedicated to Ceri 'Griff' Griffiths, a

### by GEM REPORTER

committed Rotarian dedicated to the Rotary principle of 'service above self'.

"Griff succumbed to injuries suffered following an accident at the Hawking Centre. He will be remembered by his fellow Rotarians with fondness, respect and gratitude for his service to the community and our sincere commiserations go to his wife, Norma and the family."

Robin Pitcher, the president of the Rotary Club of Barry, told The GEM he hopes the Fireworks Fiesta will be

even better than last year.

"We will be holding it whatever the weather brings, except, perhaps, gales, so please ignore any rumours to the contrary.

"Pendragon Fireworks, based here in Wales, promise that this year's display will be better even than the last.

"We implore everyone attending to donate at least £1 into the collecting buckets to assist the future funding of this event. If everyone gave at least £1, we could ensure the continuation of the event, and help deserving causes so much more."

There is parking

available at Barry Docks Station and Barry Station, and people can take the regular Arriva train service to Barry Island. (For times visit www.arrivatrain-wales.co.uk or ring 08457 48 49 50).

At Hood Road there is a train service too. The Barry Tourist Railway will be operating a park and ride service from Hood Road Station (the Waterfront to Barry Island Station) from 6 pm to 9 pm. The cost is £5 a car load.

The Rotary Club of Barry apologises to the residents for the inconvenience caused during the road closure period (5.30 pm – 10pm).

### THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ORDER, SECTION 16A ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

### BARRY ISLAND - FIREWORKS WEDNESDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2014

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Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Wednesday 5th November 2014	<b>Paget Road</b> between Harbour Road and its cul de sac end near the lifeguard station including the unnamed section of road to the side of No19 Paget Road (excluding the lane). <b>Station Approach Road</b> throughout the length, including its gyratory of the roundabout at Whites Corner. <b>Breaksea Drive</b> from its western junction with Adar-y-Mor to its junction with Station Approach Road. <b>Friars Road</b> , between its junction with Station Approach Road and Paget Road	5.30pm - 10pm

Column 1	Schedule 2	Column 3
Wednesday 5th November 2014	<b>Barry Suburb - Westward Rise, Porth-Y-Castell, Bron A Welon, Tan-Y-Fron, Min-Y-Mo'r, Pen-Y-Bryn, Marine Drive, Trem-Y-Don, Swn-Y-Mor, Cliff Wood View, Bull Cliff Walk, Nells Point Barry Island - Clos Yr Wylan, Pioden For and Clos Yr Fulfran</b>	5.00pm - 9.00pm

Local signed diversions shall be in place. Access for Pedestrians shall be maintained.

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## Barry Male Voice Choir end summer in Falmouth



A WEEKEND of summer sunshine in October was enjoyed by Barry Male Voice Choir on its recent visit to Falmouth.

Choristers and supporters made the most of the weather. Sitting, sipping and strolling provided the perfect preparation for the evening concert held in support of local charities, including the Mermaid Breast Cancer Centre.

A varied programme, including stirring choruses and traditional Welsh hymns, produced rapturous applause from the large audience.

An enthusiastic afterglow sing-along, conducted with great aplomb by choir president Gordon Mudford, followed.

Musical director Dorothy Connell and accompanist Emma Arscott enjoyed a well deserved rest and looked on.

The choir returned home happy and pleased that it had raised almost £700 for local charities.

The choir is now making its final preparations for a taster evening to attract new members, to be held at the West end Social Club Barry on Monday, November 10, at 7.30pm.

Choir president Gordon Mudford explained: "The

ABOVE: Choir members at the Methodist Church, Falmouth.



Gordon is shown conducting the afterglow with youngest member Thomas and dad Simon enjoying the singing.

evening is designed to give men who enjoy singing but who have not sung in a choir before a chance to find out what it is all about.

"There will be no voice test. Those attending will be given a gentle introduction to male voice singing by our musical director Dorothy Connell.

"Refreshments will be available and there will be a chance to meet choristers. It will be a friendly and informal occasion.

"There will be no obligation to join the choir, although we hope of course that some will. It's a find out night!"

More information at [www.barrymalevoicechoir.co.uk](http://www.barrymalevoicechoir.co.uk).

## The Vale AM supports Asian women's awards



Jane Hutt with Professor Meena Uphadyaya and supporters of the event.

A FUNDRAISING event ahead of the 2015 Welsh Asian Women Achievements Awards, organised by renowned genetics Professor Meena Uphadyaya, was supported by Jane Hutt AM on October 25 at Cardiff County Hall Club.

The Welsh Asian Women Achievement Award (WAWAA) project was initiated in 2010. The awards recognise the contributions of Welsh Asian Women and celebrate the success of talented Welsh Asian Women in all walks of life.

Nomination forms are available on the website: <http://www.welshasianwomenaward.org.uk>

## Penmark Cubs enjoy radio ham Jamboree event



LUCKY Cubs from 1st Penmark with Porthkerry were involved in a number of activities on October 19 as part of a Jamboree on the Air 'JOTA' event.

The Scout hut in Rhose was adorned with aerials and masts and Barry Amateur Radio Society was available to help the Cubs make contact with other young people involved in scouting around the world.

Contacts were plentiful, initially from Bromsgrove and Barnstable, Northampton and London and then we were lucky enough to make contact with Estonia, Italy and Portugal.

In addition, there was a very historic happening for the pack and they witnessed a live transmission into and from space!

The Cubs had to learn their names using the phonetic alphabet and also had the opportunity



to learn some morse code, and each spelled their name in code as part of their communication badge award.

This wasn't all that was going on. The Cubs also had the opportunity to make plasticine animal models, straw towers, 'brushbots', peppermint creams, chocolate houses and potato cress heads.

They also had walkie talkies to speak to each other to relay instructions to see if they could build the same lego models when in different rooms.

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# Christmas Party Guide

## THE GLENBROOK INN HAS A MENU FOR ALL SEASONS!

RIGHT: The popular community pub-restaurant the Glenbrook Inn.

**S**UNDAY lunches at the Glenbrook Inn, Dobbins Road, Barry, are something of a local institution – but the popular pub-restaurant constantly innovates when it comes to its broader menus. Its winter menu launch is on November 10 and – as ever – it promises a wide variety of dishes to tempt any palate.

Liam O'Leary of the Glenbrook Inn explained: "Our aim is to provide great value for money dishes. In this winter's menu, we've got innovative courses, along with traditional pub classics!" There are classics like 'Bang Bang Bang' – three gourmet sausages on a bed of creamy champ mash with the chef's red onion jalapeno jam gravy; or 'Belly up', 10oz slow roasted belly pork, served on a bed of champ mash with butcher's fiery dragon sausages, with Welsh apple cider gravy (it needs to be pre-ordered the morning of the booking). Liam is even featuring dishes from around the globe. Thanks to The Glenbrook's new Italian pizza oven, it will be making nine inch pizzas, 12 inch pizzas and a 14 inch 'square to share' – with toppings such as cheese, tomatoes and herbs; fillets of chicken in sticky barbecue sauce topped with melted cheddar cheese; and ham,

mushrooms, mozzarella and tomato.

'Treats from Al Paso' – means Mexican – and home made chilli con carne with minced beef and red kidney beans in a spicy sauce on a bed of long grain rice. 'Mexican Stand-Off' is a wrap filled with spicy chicken, peppers, onions, and tomato salsa.

The Boot and Butt Smokehouse introduces the section of the menu dedicated to American dishes.

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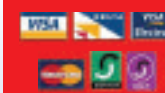
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## MP pays a visit to the Friday Club



**VALE MP Alun Cairns** visited the popular Friday Club at Castleland Community Centre recently to visit the group for five to 11-year-olds in Barry.

During the visit, Mr Cairns was presented with a commemorative wreath for Remembrance Sunday in November.

He spent the evening with children who regularly attend from all parts of Barry to learn more about the activities that are organised for the children every week.

Mr Cairns said: "The visit to the Castleland Community Centre was

very interesting and I had great fun getting involved in many of the activities organised by Tanya and the team.

"I was delighted to receive a wreath made skillfully by the children in the club for Remembrance Sunday, and thanked the children and organisers for such a wonderful gesture."

Play leader Tanya added: "Alun's visit to Friday Club was a great success and the children really enjoyed themselves and we can't thank him enough, as he is going to sort out some funding for the club, which will be gratefully appreciated."

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## Emojis project is recognised

A presentation evening was held at The Hub at Barry YMCA on October 10 to celebrate the success of the young people on the 'Emojis' project.

The Emojis project, run by the Vale Council's youth service, aims to help young people learn to better express themselves, and helps them build their self-esteem and confidence levels.

The evening involved a film showing many of the activities the young people had enjoyed while attending the project, and a singing performance.

The Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, Coun Howard Hamilton, attended to present the young people with their certificates, and congratulated them on how far they had come as part of the project.

The project is a 10-week scheme and is split into two age groups, junior aged 8 to 12, and senior aged 13 to 16.

The young people try their hand at all sorts of activities, including, film making and music production, as well as enjoying trips, all designed to help them improve their confidence,

communication skills and emotional understanding.

The project is supported by Families First, Barry YMCA, Fact, and The Hub, as well as the council's youth service, who provide the workers for the project.

Special thanks go to the workers on the project David Hancock, Tracy Mills, Lynise Esprit, Mike Smith and Hannah Brown.

## PACT meetings

**RHOOSE PACT**, Community Hall, Celtic Way, October 30, at 6.30pm.

**COFFEE and chat**, The Green Dragon, Llancaed, November 4 at 3.30pm.

**COURT PACT**, Witchill Community Centre, Dyfan Road, Barry, November 6 at 6pm.

**GIBBONS DOWN PACT**, Barry Rugby Club, Merthyr Dyfan Road, Barry, November 10 at 7pm.

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# Commemorating the centenary of the First World War

## WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

**A**s this year's significant Remembrance Sunday approaches – significant because it marks the centenary of the outbreak of World War One – the experiences of a typical Vale town such as Cowbridge offer a chance to put a human face on the unimaginable fatality statistics that are a tragic feature of the 'Great War'.

David Howell of the Cowbridge branch of the Royal British Legion set himself the task of fleshing out the lives – sometimes very short lives – of the men who died in the conflict and who are recorded on the town's Cenotaph. He was able to draw on an existing volume, *The Great War: Memorials in Cowbridge and Llanblethian* by José Rawlins, and that information was supplemented by his own research.

The story of ordinary men, who were transported around the world as the battles raged, and who came to meet their end in foreign fields, was replicated around south Wales, and provides a deeply sobering backdrop to the coming Remembrance ceremonies.

See next week for the continuation of this story.

**A**s we walk or drive along Cowbridge High Street, many of us pass the War Memorial outside the town hall quite frequently.

On a dull wet day we might notice the red of the poppy wreaths from Remembrance Sunday for a moment or two – before something else grabs our attention.

Occasionally we might give a passing glance to the list of names from WW1 on the memorial, but that's what they are to most of us, just names.

There is a similar memorial in Llanblethian Parish Church, containing a further 16 names, commemorating the men of Llanblethian who lost their lives, plus a Roll of Honour at Holy Cross Church.

But do any of us actually know anything at all about these men who lost their lives in the Great War? Generally, little or nothing.

Yet, these men lived in the Cowbridge and Llanblethian area. They walked down the same streets, lived in the same houses some of us inhabit, used the same shops – though the goods have changed markedly since, and perhaps enjoyed a beer with their friends, after a hard day's work, in the same pubs that we now use.

They were mostly very young men, so we can assume many had sweethearts they courted, picked with on the banks of the Thaw in summertime, held hands with, and perhaps stole a kiss when no-one was looking.

Maybe they talked of getting married and spending their lives together.

These men who joined the military left Cowbridge and Llanblethian, their homes, their loved ones and signed up to fight for their country 100 years ago.

They all lost their lives in war, many at a very young age, and deserve recognition for their sacrifice, so let us take this opportunity get to know each one of them a little better.

### William Archer

Willie, as he was known, was born in Cowbridge in late 1894. In 1901, aged only 6, he was living in Eastgate in a house to the east of The Shield with his widowed grandmother, Maria Archer, his uncle John, and aunts Alice and Mary. Was Willie an orphan? His grandmother died in 1905 when he was only 10.

In 1911, when Willie was still only 16, he was lodging at 7, The Limes, with his Uncle William Davies and his wife Alice, and their baby daughter Gwendoline, plus Alice's two daughters Dorothy and Annie John.

When he enlisted at Tonypandy he was living in Williamstown, Rhondda – possibly working in the coalfield.

In 1914 Willie would have been too young for active service, but was probably at war, as he entered France in December 1915, seeing action at the Somme, High Wood and Flanders.

Willie was killed in action on August 27, 1918, aged only 23. His name is inscribed on the Vis-en-Artois Memorial, south-east of Arras, which also commemorates the lives of 9,000 other men who fell between August and November 1918.

### David Robert Bond

Robert was born in Cowbridge in late 1898. He was the second son of John and Margaret Bond who, in the 1911 census, with a family of eight children (four sons and four daughters), lived at Rock House (then called Rose Cottage) at the foot of Bond's Hill on the Llantwit Major road. Father John Bond was a general labourer.

Robert enlisted at Bridgend and at the time of his death, on September 28, 1918, he was serving with D Battery of the 15th Brigade of the RFA.

Robert had only recently returned to the Front after compassionate home leave to attend his mother's funeral. His grave is in the British Extension of the Metz-en-Couture communal cemetery to the south west of Cambrai. Robert was around 20 when he died.

### Noah Brakewell (correctly spelt Breakwell).

Noah was born in Shropshire in 1874. He was living in Shropshire at the time of both the 1881 and 1891 census returns and in 1891 was employed as a stone breaker. He cannot be found in the 1901 census.

In August 1907, he married Sarah Jennet James of Llanblethian at Headley near Southampton. She was born in Llanblethian in 1874 and was the



daughter of William James of Llandow and his wife Mary from Coity.

Noah and Jennet were living in Blackwood, Monmouthshire with their 11-month-old daughter Violet May at the time of the 1911 census, when Noah was a labourer in building construction. Noah's link with Llanblethian seems to be via his wife's family.

He was listed in the Roll of Honour printed in the Glamorgan Gazette on October 23, 1914, as T Brakewell and was probably called to the Welch Regiment as a reservist and was sent to serve in France in November 1914.

On October 12, 1915, accurate shelling, by two howitzers, for more than four hours, completely demolished 75 yards of the Welch trench in which 14 soldiers were killed, including Noah Breakwell aged 40.

Noah and 11 companions were buried in the Crucifix cemetery in Loos but have no known graves. They are commemorated on the cemetery memorial at Dud Corner.

### William Henry Burley

William was born in Cowbridge around the middle of 1896, and was the third son of George and Elizabeth Burley. The family lived at 44, Westgate in 1911. At the time George, the father, was a general labourer and young William, aged 14 was working as a grocer's errand boy.

In 1918, mother Elizabeth, by now a widow as George died in 1912, was living at 46, Westgate.

William enlisted at Cardiff, joining 15th (Carmarthenshire) Service battalion which, with 13th (2nd Rhondda) and 14th Welch, comprised the 114th Brigade 38th Division.

He was killed in action on August 29, 1918, aged only 22 or 23. His grave is in the Caterpillar Valley Cemetery, Longueval.

The Glamorgan Gazette of September 13, 1918, reports that William was laid to rest by another Cowbridge boy Pte W Bishop. The report was on the same page as the report of the death of Tommy Torney.

### Cecil Richard Trevor Chard

Cecil was born in Burry Port (Pembrey), Carmarthenshire in the middle of 1885. He was the eldest son of assistant schoolmaster Harry Chard and his wife Kate who, in 1901, lived with their five children in East Village, Cowbridge.

At the time Cecil, aged 16, was an apprentice printer. Father Harry died in early 1905, mother Kate still lived in Cowbridge in 1911.

Cecil married Bertha Govier in Cardiff in 1908. Bertha's father, James Govier, was the landlord of the Commercial Hotel, Eastgate, at the time of the 1901 census.

At the time of the 1911 census, Cecil and Bertha were living with their young son Cecil Stanley in Walsall, Staffordshire, and Cecil was still in the printing trade.

Cecil joined the 1/5th South Staffordshire Regiment (a territorial battalion) at Walsall, Staffs. He went to France in March 1915 and was killed in action, on October 13, 1915, aged 30. He has no known grave but his name is inscribed on the Loos Memorial.

Cecil and Bertha had a further child, Richard Gordon, who was born two months before Cecil died. Did Cecil even know he had a second son?

On the same day that Cecil Chard died, another Cowbridge man, Rifleman Arthur Stuart Miles, lost his life in the same battle.

### Richard Henry Collins

Richard was born in Keynsham, Somerset in 1892. He was the third son (one daughter) of John and Ann Collins. Father John was a carter in the 1901 census and a road mender working for Bath Council in 1911, when Richard appears to have been working as a gardener in Aylesbury.

Richard married Alice Maud James, whose father was a blacksmith at Fommon at the time of the 1911 census, in Bridgend in late 1913.

There is no known direct link with Llanblethian or Cowbridge but perhaps, after his marriage to Alice, they lived and he worked in the area prior to enlistment.

He enlisted in the Army in Cardiff, probably in 1915, and was sent to France on Boxing Day, 1915, but nothing is known of his military service. He died on June 18, 1918, aged 26, his grave is in the Antwerp Schoonselhof Communal Cemetery.

### Evan Thomas David

Evan or Thomas? When very young he seemed to known as Evan but later became Tom. He was born in mid 1898, the older of two sons (and two daughters) of David and Elma David and the family lived near The Causeway (Causeway) Llanblethian at the time of the 1901 census.

By the time the 1911 census took place they had moved a short distance and lived near Kingscombe, Llanblethian. When Tom died they were living at Factory Road, Llanblethian, again only a short step away.

Tom is listed in Glamorgan Gazette's Roll of Honour on October 23, 1914 (T E David). His service record shows he enlisted in the Welsh Regiment and was sent to France on 17 February 1915, but there is no information of his service available other than the announcement of his death.

He is not recorded by the CWGC as he had been discharged from the Army before his death at home in Llanblethian on April 4, 1917. A report in the Glamorgan Gazette (April 13, 1917) refers to the burial of Tom David in Llanblethian Church, and confirms his age as only 18.

The dates above strongly suggest that Tom David enlisted in mid 1914, when he was only just 15 and was sent to war before his 16th birthday. The Gazette report describes him as "been through the thick of it .... home from the Front, suffering from shrapnel wounds as well as being gassed."

Tom was interred at Llanblethian Church and a white cross to his memory is behind the choir stall on the south side of the chancel of Llanblethian church.

### Bassett James Davies

Born in Cowbridge in mid 1895, Bassett was the only son of Mathias Davies, a decorator, and wife Jane Davies, who lived with Bassett's younger sister Elsie at 16 High Street in 1901.

By 1911 the family had moved to 34 Westgate Street, Cowbridge, and Bassett and Elsie attended the town's grammar school. Before the war he worked at the offices of Evans & Reid, coal merchants, Cardiff.

Bassett enlisted at Cardiff, joining 10th Welch (1st Rhondda) Service battalion which was assigned to 38th (Welsh) Division. He was probably in action near the town of Ypres when he received wounds from which he died, only aged 22, on August 6, 1917. His grave is at Dozinghem

### Author's acknowledgements

Much of the groundwork for this article was carried out by José Rawlins and is included in her book *The Great War: Memorials in Cowbridge and Llanblethian* by José Rawlins and published by the Cowbridge Record Society and printed by Keith Brown and Sons Ltd in 2008. The publication is available via the Cowbridge History Society.

I must congratulate Jose on her book, it is a very informative publication and I have found it extremely informative.

I consider myself fortunate that records and sources not available to Jose when she carried out her research, plus much improved computing power, were available to me at this later date and, probably made my task much easier.

As a couple of names appear on both the Cowbridge and Llanblethian memorials I took the approach of combining the two.

I have also produced the list in straightforward alphabetical order and tended to ignore rank, which seems somewhat inappropriate some 100 years on.

Military Cemetery.

### John Robert Collard Dunn and Francis William Morgan Dunn. (Gallipoli)

Born early 1885 and mid 1886 respectively. Jack and Frank were the second and third of five sons of Frederick William and Jennet Dunn of The Cross, Llanblethian.

Frederick Dunn died in 1911 and his wife, Jennet in 1915 both, perhaps fortunately, before the death of three of their five sons.

They had moved from Kent in 1884 to live at The Cross, just below Llanblethian church. Frederick was recorded in both the 1901 and 1911 census returns as a mining engineer; he was born in Carmarthen whereas Jennet was born in Llantrisant.

The 1911 census records Jack as a law student and Frank as an engineering student. The brothers were educated at Cowbridge Grammar School, were keen cricketers and, with older brother Fred who survived the war, were listed in Glamorgan Gazette's Roll of Honour on October 23, 1914.

Jack and Frank were both commissioned in the 1/5th Welch, which formed part of the 53rd (Welsh) TF Division. The 5th Welch embarked on SS *Huntsgreen* for a gruelling voyage to Port Said and eventually the British base at Mudros in the Aegean sea.

On the night of August 8/9, 1915, 5th Welch landed at Sulva Bay with no artillery support, transport, maps or signposts.

On the morning of the 10th, the battalion was ordered to take Scimitar Hill. An attack on the previous day had been repulsed and wounded men, British and Turks, still lay on the hillside when shell-fire during this second attack ignited the ground cover and, fanned by strong winds, swept across the face of the hill.

The attack foundered in complete confusion with many casualties, including Frank who was killed in action on August 10, 1915, aged 30, and Jack, who died 10 days later, aged 29.

The two brothers have no known graves but are commemorated on the Helles Memorial at the end of the Gallipoli peninsula, as also, is Arthur Wynne Jones from Cowbridge

### Hugh Aubrey Fairfield Dunn

Hugh Aubrey Fairfield Dunn, born in early 1888, is listed as Tom Dunn on the Roll of Honour in Holy Cross Church.

He was the fourth of five Dunn brothers and he joined the Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (RMRE) after the deaths of Jack and Frank. The youngest brother Augustus (Guy) – who would survive the war – also joined the RMRE.

Like his brothers, Tom was a keen sportsman; he played cricket and hockey and was an excellent swimmer. His death by drowning in the River Monnow was both tragic and inexplicable.

On the afternoon of Sunday May 21, 1916, Tom Dunn with a fellow officer, David Williams went for a bathe in a river pool behind a weir and which was about 17 feet deep. They rowed out to the pool in a boat, from which they entered the water; David Williams going first.

He swam to the bank saw Tom enter the water feet first but, as he rose to the surface, he appeared to be in difficulties. David tried to help but failed and Tom Dunn died during the 15 minutes it took to retrieve him.

At an inquest the following day it emerged that David Williams said he had heard Tom was very much subject to cramp. The Coroner, in summing up his verdict of "accidentally drowned," said that the river Monnow was of very ill repute and always exceptionally colder than the river Wye.

Tom Dunn was buried, aged 28, with full military honours at Llanblethian churchyard.



# 'WE ARE BUILDING SCHOOLS THAT ARE AN ASSET TO THE COMMUNITY'

**I**WOULD like to begin by congratulating Tom Chandler, who has been elected as the Vale of Glamorgan's first Youth Mayor, along with Emily Peters who becomes the Deputy Youth Mayor.

At the election, there were almost 3,000 votes cast by young people aged 11 to 25 from schools, training providers, and youth clubs across the Vale. The Youth Mayor will continue to work with them and strengthen the links between young people and the Vale Council.

I am pleased to confirm that the new Ysgol Nant Talwg has been opened, as part of this administration's school investment programme which also helps meet the demand for Welsh medium education in the Vale. This was funded by the Vale Council and Welsh Government as part of the 21st Century Schools Programme.

The new building, which is the first of its kind in Wales, is finished to an excellent specification and has been awarded top marks for energy efficiency and building standards. The project helped train over 20 apprentices, trainees, and graduates, with four apprentices finding full time positions, and more than £2,500 was invested in the community and local businesses.

## Free mental health course for young people

**THE Vale Council-led Barry Communities First, in partnership with Journeys mental health charity, is running a 'Feeling Well Coping Better' course for people aged 16-24.**

This free course is aimed at those who are feeling stressed, anxious or depressed and will help people develop coping skills to help improve long term mental health.

The six-week course starts on Tuesday, November 11 (5.30pm-6.30pm) at the Community Enterprise Centre, Skomer Road, Barry.

In order to be eligible you must live in a Barry Communities First area which includes Buttrills, Cadoc, Castleland, Court and Gibbonsdown.

For more information, or to book a place please contact 01446 709432 or visit [www.BarryCommunitiesFirst.org](http://www.BarryCommunitiesFirst.org).

As part of that school investment programme we have recently completed the Penarth Learning Community, built on the St Cyres, Ashgrove, and Erw'r Delyn sites. We now have brand new facilities at St Cyres secondary school and have built a new special educational needs school, Ysgol y Deri, which will accommodate pupils from three SEN schools in the area.

This first-class learning facility will also be available for use by the community, with modern sports facilities including a 3G pitch, hydrotherapy pools, physiotherapy suites and other specialist areas that can be used by families and carers looking after adults and children with special needs. There has also been a respite centre included as part of the project for SEN pupils.

This £49.5 million development will provide a first-class learning environment and is an example of what can be achieved with a commitment to build schools and community facilities, obtaining the maximum value for money through an innovative procurement policy.

The targeted recruitment and training element of the contract has given local people training and employment and enabled 184 new entrants into construction, with 83 apprentices and trainees employed on the project, where 90 per cent of the construction costs have been reinvested back into the local economy. Everyone involved should be very proud of their achievements.

This is another milestone for our Labour-led council and we intend to continue, by providing a new school in Llantwit Major, as well as looking to establish secondary coeducation in Barry. News on that should be available in the New Year.

It's also good news that the Penarth Leisure Centre swimming pool reopened last week after refurbishments and repairs were carried out.

This will be welcomed by the community, who have been without a pool since a fire in the building last February.

Staying in Penarth, Redlands House is being remodelled using money from Welsh Government's Intermediate Care Fund (ICF). The fund aims to link services for older people in

## VIEW FROM THE VALE



by Coun  
**NEIL MOORE**  
Leader of the  
Vale of  
Glamorgan  
Council

terms of health, social care and housing and the scheme will provide accommodation for older people, moving away from less suitable 'bedsit' accommodation to modern apartments that can accommodate changing needs.

Internal improvements to shared areas will include a fitness room, an IT suite and a modern reception.

Two rooms have been adapted as 'reablement' apartments that will allow people to get out of hospital quicker and have their own 'front door' while they recuperate.

This is part of a package of projects, including working with hospital staff to ensure appropriate accommodation is available when patients are ready to be discharged; adapting older people's homes to allow them to live safely at home and creating a one-stop-shop Health and Social Care Communications Hub to offer health and social care advice.

I want to confirm that public consultation is now open on the proposed library strategy. The Vale Council is, like all councils, facing significant financial pressure due to cuts in public sector funding.

As previously explained, all services are being reviewed and many are likely to be affected.

In recent years, the library service has seen a decline in both visitor numbers and book issues,

reflecting a national trend. A review with the aim of developing a viable library service and avoiding library closures, which have been seen in neighbouring counties, was carried out and although some of the changes proposed are significant, they offer the best way of keeping all Vale libraries open.

'Business as usual' is simply not an option in the current financial climate and we are carrying out consultation on the three remaining proposals. These are to adopt a phased approach to the development of community supported/managed libraries in St Athan, Dinas Powys, Sully, Wenvoe and Rhosce; and to adjust library opening hours and progress work to relocate the library in St Athan.

Public consultation takes place until December 31 and can be made in writing, online, by phone, and in person at drop in sessions.

A broad range of information will be provided to allow respondents to make informed comments on the future of the service.

Finally, I would remind the business community that the Welsh Government has offered some relief to the challenges of the changing retail environment, to contribute to the development of sustainable and vibrant town centres.

The relief, which is administered by the council (up to £1,000) is targeted towards supporting and assisting local retailers with their business Non-Domestic Rate net liability.

Not all businesses qualify, but without an application no grant can be agreed. The council has allocated over 250 grants to businesses that have met the criteria of being occupied, having a Rateable Value of £50,000 or less, and whose type of use is included in the Welsh Government's list.

The council would like to continue to help local commerce and would suggest that any businesses who think they meet the criteria should complete the application form on the council's website under the link to Working/Business Rates/Retail Rate Relief 2014/15, where the guidance and application form can be found.

## Car club's visit to Barry Island



**SATURDAY, October 25,** saw the Swindon Association of Snails (SAS) lead a 'raid' to the lovely resort of Barry Island.

The SAS Car Club, based in Wiltshire, went to the home of Gavin and Stacey, and were joined by other Citroen 2CV owners from all over Wales and England.

Clubs represented on the raid included the Weyenots from the Wye Valley and the Swansea Old Ducks.

Thirteen cars took part in the visit, and stopped first for an interesting look at Barry Bus Museum.

On the Island, the cars were able to park outside the iconic Marco's Cafe.

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## Penarth author's new book signing

**LOCAL teacher Laura Sheldon** will be at Griffin Books in Penarth on the morning of Saturday, November 8, between 11am and 12 noon, to sign copies of her recently published children's book, *Mr Mahli's Shed and A Ghost Named Dylan*.

The book, which features the ghost of Dylan Thomas, centres on the poet's 'writing shed' which was the inspiration for the writers' shed at Sully Primary School where Laura teaches.

The book, published by Firefly Press, is on sale at Griffin Books at £5.99.

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# HARVEST COWBRIDGE PROJECT HOSTS APPLE DAY AT LOCAL FARMERS' MARKET

THE Harvest Cowbridge project featured at the Farmers' Market on Saturday, October 18.

It was a chance to celebrate Cowbridge Apple Day.

Visitors took their own apples along and watched apple juice made fresh from the press.

As you can see from Glyn Evans' pictures, there was also an apple pie bake-off, and even a 'longest peel' competition.

Harvest Cowbridge hope Apple Day will become a regular date in the town's calendar.

Harvest Cowbridge can be found on Facebook, or via [www.hubcowbridge.co.uk/harvestcowbridge](http://www.hubcowbridge.co.uk/harvestcowbridge).



## PHOTOGRAPHS by GLYN EVANS

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ABOVE: Mike Baker won the longest apple peel competition with one measuring 182cm!

## Recruitment banner is gifted to St John Cymru



Joy Evans and Mary Jayne Granville receiving the banner supplied by D3Signs.

ADRIANO FANTINI of D3Signs, Pencoed, has generously donated a new recruitment banner for use by Pencoed Bridgend Division of St John Cymru Wales.

The banner will be used to promote the division throughout Bridgend County as it carries out its work. Additionally, a QR Code has been added to enable Smartphone users to learn more about St John Cymru Wales.

Joy Evans, divisional superintendent, said: "We are very grateful to Adriano and D3Signs for this wonderful banner. It will help us to promote the work of the division and hopefully encourage more members to join our ranks."

Anyone interested in joining Pencoed Bridgend Division can ring 029 2044 9639 for further information.

## PACT MEETINGS

**SARN/BRYNCOCH PACT**, Monday, November 3 at Sarn Life Centre at 7pm.  
**SARN 'Cuppa with a Copper'** Monday, November 10 at Sarn Life Centre at 2pm.  
**BLACKMILL PACT**, Monday, November 10 at Blackmill Community Centre at 6.30pm.  
**ABERKENFIG/PENYFAI PACT**, Monday, November 10 at Aberkenfig Athletic Club at 7pm.  
**BRYNCETHIN PACT**, Wednesday, November 12 at Nazareth Chapel at 6pm.  
**YNYSAWDRE PACT**, Wednesday, November 12 at Tondur Community Hall at 6pm.  
**NANTYMOEL/OGMORE VALE PACT**, Wednesday, November 12 at Horeb Chapel, Nantymoel at 7pm.  
**BETTWS PACT**, Thursday, November 13 at Bettws Life Centre at 1.30pm.  
**BLAENGARW/PONTYCYMER PACT**, Thursday, November 13 at the Garw Valley Leisure Centre at 6pm.  
**CORNELLY PACT**, Thursday, November 13 at Cornelly Primary School at 6.30pm.  
**MAESTEG EAST/WEST PACT**, Monday, November 24 at Cwm Calon Day Centre at 6pm.  
**LLANGEINOR PACT**, Wednesday, November 26 at the Richard Price Centre at 5.30pm.  
**PYLE/CEFN CRIBWR PACT**, Thursday, November 27 at Pyle Life Centre at 6.30pm.

## Top cadet award for Nathan Cooper

EARLIER this year, Instructor Staff Cadet Warrant Officer Nathan Cooper from 2117 (Kenfig Hill) Squadron RAF Air Cadets was successful in being selected for The John Cunningham Flying Scholarship (JCFS), named after the famed World War Two night fighter ace and test pilot.

Cadets eligible for a JCFS are those who have taken part in the Air Cadet Pilot Scheme (ACPS). The best cadets are offered a JCFS that will take their flying experience from 12 to at least 25 hours; at present only four are issued each year. Nathan completed his course in July this year at Tayside Aviation Dundee.

The John Hogg Memorial Trophy and the John Cunningham Bust are awarded annually to the cadets who are assessed to be the best all-round individual pilots during the JCFS. ISCWO Nathan Cooper attended a dinner and presentation evening at the former RAF WW2 Fighter Command Headquarters at Bentley Priory where he was in the running for one of the awards.

Unfortunately on the night he was not chosen for the main awards but was presented with an award for achievement by Air Marshall Sir Ian Macfadyen.



ABOVE: Nathan Cooper with Air Marshall Sir Ian Macfadyen.

Commanding 2117 (Kenfig Hill) Squadron RAF Air Cadets said: "ISCWO Cooper is currently a member of the University of Wales Air Squadron (UWAS) at St Athan and his scholarship will complement the work he is carrying out at the moment."

"Last year he completed a qualified aerospace instructor course which enables him to instruct cadets on the flight simulator at the squadron."

"He is a determined young man and is well on his way to achieve his ambition of a career in The Royal Air Force. He is currently studying at Cardiff University and still finds time to carry out duties at Kenfig Hill Squadron."

Lindsay Thomas, secretary, civilian committee

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# HIGH ENERGY MUSIC AND PYROTECHNICS LIGHT UP THE STAGE AT BRYNTEG SHOW



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**FIREWORK** night came a little early this year (see above picture) as Brynteg Comprehensive School put on *Camp Rock*, the Disney musical film which first appeared in 2007 and has become increasingly popular ever since.

The show ran for three nights at Porthcawl's Grand Pavilion, and the audience were blown away by the energy levels of the young cast.







The restorative dentistry team won the Improving Patient Experience award.

## Excellence celebrated in ABMU's 2014 awards



Restorative dentist Paul Harris (centre) with ABMU head of support services, Joanne Jones.



Porters Tony Gronert (third from left) and Cyril Johnstone (right) received their awards from Andrew Davies and education lead nurse Louise Hughes.

**HOSPITAL** porters, health visitors and specialist nurses were among the winners at Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board's annual celebration of excellence in care.

Each year, the chairman's awards recognise and celebrate the invaluable work of individual staff and teams throughout the health board area.

ABMU chairman Andrew Davies said:

"Exemplary care doesn't happen by accident.

"It is driven by outstanding leadership, exceptional teamwork, motivated and committed staff who go the extra mile to continuously improve and provide first-class services for our patients, their families and communities.

"It is this commitment, dedication and exceptional quality that is celebrated through the chairman's awards."

This year, the eight categories attracted 130 entries involving projects in the Bridgend, Neath Port Talbot and Swansea

areas.

Each category had its own panel of five judges, who had the difficult task of whittling the entries down to three finalists.

The finalists were then invited to make a short presentation to the judges before the winners were selected.

All shortlisted entries attended the awards ceremony at the Aberavon Hotel and received certificates marking their success.

The winners, announced by the lead judge for each category, also received their individual award from the chairman.

The category winners were: *Better Health and Wellbeing* – Staff Health and Wellbeing Service for the Lighten Up Programme.

This provides work-based support for stress, depression and anxiety.

*Developing and Improving Services:* The acute anti-coagulation clinic team, which developed a pharmacist-led anti-coagulation clinic at Singleton Hospital to improve the service for patients.

*Excellence in Supporting Services:* Tony Gronert and Cyril Johnstone for portering services. With 70 years' service between them, they were recognised for treating patients with dignity, respect, kindness and care.

*Going the Extra Mile:* Paul Harris for patient-centred care for restorative dentistry. This involves treating people as individuals to minimise anxiety and avoid distress.

*Improving Patient Experience:* The Restorative Dentistry

Team for enhancing the experience of patients with learning difficulties. Judges agreed the project made a profound difference for little cost.

*Outstanding Teacher/Mentor:* Electrocardiogram (ECG) nurse team for improving ECG knowledge and care through developing a degree module in an area of crucial clinical practice.

*Team of the Year:* Bridgend Flying Start health visiting team for giving youngsters a flying start in life by working with parents and others to deliver an innovative, high-quality health visiting service.

*Working in Partnership:* Education Programmes for Patients Cymru Team. The team worked with deaf service users, the British Deaf Association and others to produce a signed and subtitled DVD to help deaf people deal with

stress and be able to relax in their own homes.

Entertainment on the night was provided by one of last year's winners.

Maternal Harmony – a choir set up to provide ongoing support for women suffering from mental health problems during or after pregnancy.

Meanwhile, a raffle for donated prizes raised £443 for the chairman's chosen charity, Golau Cancer Foundation. Golau is the official charity of the South West Wales Cancer Centre, based at Singleton Hospital, which is this year celebrating its 10th anniversary.

ABMU chief executive, Paul Roberts added: "Well done to everyone who entered the awards – the standard of the entries was very high and the judges made some nail-biting decisions."

## Porthcawl band launches new CD

**PORTHCAWL** band 'One Time Alive' are launching their new CD this Saturday, November 1, with a series of live performances in a local shop.

The three band members will be performing songs from the CD, entitled *Sugar Train* from 11am in SUSSED, James Street, Porthcawl.

The band members are: Ed Rees (vocalist, songwriter, bassist and

guitarist); Sarah Griffiths (graduate of DrumTech London, drummer and vocalist); Jack Parry (17-year-old multi-instrumentalist and recording engineer).

The CD has been made in the studios of Southcoast Recordings in Porthcawl, and the band say that the 21 songs on it "...pond-skate across genres with a refreshing freedom of attitude towards expectation and definition."

For more information, visit [www.sussedwales.com](http://www.sussedwales.com) or [www.onetimealive.com](http://www.onetimealive.com)

## Local schools get green seal of approval



ABOVE: Young pupils enjoying the mud kitchen play area at Cwmfelin Primary School.

**THREE local primary schools recently picked up Green Flag awards from Keep Wales Tidy.**

The children at Cwmfelin Primary School in Maesteg are getting their hands dirty to embrace all things 'green', and have made an outdoor 'mud kitchen', as well as a willow village, which has helped the school achieve their third Green Flag award.

Cwmfelin's eco schools leader Kelly Kehoe said: "We have worked super hard over the last two years constructing a willow village on our school field and creating mud kitchen areas to enhance children's outdoor play experiences."

"This year, we are also aiming to carry on improving our recycling facilities and continue to develop our willow village, to make it a haven for developing children's creative writing."

Mynydd Cynffig Juniors have also been awarded their third Green Flag, receiving praise for an initiative

which monitors energy at the school and a litter competition, while Trelales Primary School completed a hat-trick of eco successes with their third Green Flag.

Trelales were commended for the eco touches that can be found throughout the school, including a plastic bottle green house, bug hotels and food recycling, while one project involved a pupil showing excellent imagination to build a raft out of recycled bottles!

Coun Phil White, Bridgend County Borough Council's cabinet member for communities said: "Local schools are constantly finding new ways of encouraging the next generation to be eco-friendly and show such enthusiasm for the environment."

"Achieving a Green Flag award is the culmination of a lot of hard work and commitment, and so I would like to congratulate all of the pupils and teachers at these three schools for their ongoing efforts to be as 'green' as possible."

## NEWS FROM THE BRIDGEND QUIZ LEAGUE

### New season is now starting to take shape

**THE new season is well and truly under way and already, last season's form is showing through.**

The reigning champions, now called Penybont Explorers, have three wins out of three, as have Mackworth Arms and Tondur Railway Club.

In Division Two, both Pheasant teams have begun well and Oldcastle 'B' won their first two, only to lose the third 46-45 to Cabo Roche. Llangeinor AFC seem revitalised and are also triple winners, along with Pheasant Gamekeepers.

In the first Division, Ty Risha Royals lost their two openers and then managed to beat the Penybont Nomads 47-40. The Nomads have lost both the matches they have played, despite leading

after the written section. They lost 36-47 to Mackworth Arms and 40-47 to Ty Risha.

Laleston Inn 'A' managed their single win by beating Oldcastle 'A' 39-38. Gamekeepers' wins were 53-48 versus Cabo Roche, 49-37 at Pyle RFC and 41-37 opener against newcomers Star Inn.

Both Crown Inn teams have lost their games. White Horse's only victory was a 50-43 encounter at home to Pyle RFC. The last named team have lost all their games to very good sides, but not too heavily, and may just need that little spark of luck to get their engine running smoothly.

The same could possibly apply to newcomers Star Inn. No thrashings here, so as it has been through so many seasons, perseverance is the key,

that's done the trick before.

So far, there has been one drawn game, between Laleston Inn 'B' and Pheasant Poachers, 47-all.

**Here are your four specials:**

1. Ca is the chemical symbol for which element?
2. Which instrument was Nat 'King' Cole famous for playing?
3. In which sport would you be wearing 'blades' or 'quads'?
4. What name did Billy Connolly and Gerry Rafferty sing under?

**A Rudge (for Quiz League)**

**Answers:**  
1. Calcium.  
2. Piano.  
3. Roller skating.  
4. The Humblebums.

## Latest Emmaus charity shop opens

**THE new store, in Caroline Street, Bridgend, will be opened by the Mayor of Bridgend at 10am on October 31 and is set to become 'a treasure trove' of homeware, fashion and curios.**

Emmaus was founded in 1949. A worldwide movement, it offers an alternative to homelessness by providing people with a home, work and

companionship, helping them to learn new skills, regaining their self-esteem and the control of their lives.

"This will help us to bring more retail opportunity for Bridgend shoppers," said Emmaus South Wales director Tom Clarke. "As well as helping our plans to support homeless people to get back onto their feet, the new shop will offer an exciting mix of products including electrical items, clothes and gifts."

## Pencoed fayre

**PENCOED WT's charity autumn fayre is on Saturday, November 6 (10am-12 noon) in the Welfare Hall, in aid of the First Responders.**

The September speaker on the life and work of Clarence Cliff was excellent and in October, Cerys Bate gave a talk on the benefits of aloe vera.

The branch meets on the second Tuesday of the month in Pencoed Welfare Hall.

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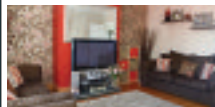
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**WHITCHURCH**

Dr Daniel Vaughan – **Barkways Cottage, The Downs, St Nicholas** – creation of garden.

Mr and Mrs AP Hill – **field to the east of Trerhyngyll** – retrospective application for the erection of small, lockable storage shed for agricultural and equine purposes.

Mr Brian McKenna – **Unit 5, First floor, Stangate House, Stanwell Road, Penarth** – change of use from B1 Office to D1 Osteopathy clinic.

Mr Nicholas – **plot of land adjacent to Anwyllan, off Rectory Drive, St Nicholas** – demolish buildings forming pig farm. Construction of four bedroom bungalow.

Mr Benedict Chi Fai Ho – **4 Runcorn Close, Barry** – two storey side extension and single storey porch extension.

Palmerston Primary School – **Palmerston Primary School, Pen Y Bryn, Barry** – erection of a playpod, a metal stable-like structure (3.065m x 5m) in the playground to contain a range of recycled materials for play.

Mrs Lesley Thomas – **54 Cardiff Road, Dinas Powys** – proposed rear extension to form living room and shower room.

Mrs Deborah Furnish – **4 Cwrt Dyfed, Barry** – demolition of existing conservatory and erection of

single storey rear extension. Mr Jenkins – **3 Mill Park, Cowbridge** – single storey front and rear extensions and first floor side extension.

Mr Julian Golunski – **rear of Heritage Coast Visitors Centre, Dunraven Bay, Bridgend** – demolition of garage, wooden lean-to and the removal of a small amount of stonework to the northeast of the site.

Erection of five storage units for use by micro enterprises to store equipment for off and on shore activities. Mrs Paula Ham – **69 Geraints Way, Cowbridge** – front pitched roof dormer side carport with proposed family bathroom and bedroom above porch and living room to rear ground floor.

Mr Alun Williams – **12 Romilly Avenue, Barry** – construct a two storey rear extension and rear ground floor balcony.

Redrow Homes South Wales – **land north and south of Llantrisant Road, North west Cardiff** – the development of up to 630 residential dwellings (C3), primary school (D1), open space (including children's play space), landscaping, sustainable urban drainage, vehicular access, pedestrian and cycle accesses and related infrastructure and engineering works. For information: detailed

permission is sought for strategic vehicular accesses now.

Mr Grant Maunder – **De Sully Grange, Swanbridge Road, Sully** – alterations to the internal planning of the ground floor with infill extension to house the new kitchen.

Mr J Hayes – **9 Clos Cradog, Penarth** – remove ash, coppice several field maple and blackthorn.

Asda Stores Ltd – **proposed District Centre, Barry Waterfront, Powell Duffryn Way, Barry** – development of Phase 1 of District Centre comprising Asda foodstore and two non-food retail units, with associated petrol filling station, car parking, access works and landscaping at Powell Duffryn Way, Barry Waterfront, Barry.

Mr Warren – **53 Shakespeare Avenue, Penarth** – proposed two-storey side extension.

Mr Hywel Jones – **Ty Gwyn, Penyturnpike Road, Dinas Powys** – proposed alterations to planning approval No 2013/01266/FUL to include dormers in a new gabled roof.

Ms Paula Llewellyn – **27 Somerset View, Ogmore by Sea** – amendment to approved single storey extension.

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# Pencoed RFC rugby round-up

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In what was essentially a superb all-round team performance full of character, scrum half Kyle Barrett steadied the ship, with Liam Halse, Williams, Watkins and Ryland right up there as man of the match contenders.

On Saturday Pencoed return to Division 2 West Central action at Neath Athletic, 2.30pm kick off - a supporters coach will be available.

There were some notable wins among the junior section of Pencoed RFC on Sunday.

The under-16s took the previously unbeaten record of Mountain Ash, pulling away in the second half for a comfortable away victory, while the under-14s beat a Newport H.S.O.B. side littered with representative players, and the under-13s won at Caerleon.

Pencoed Phoenix senior women have five players selected in the provisional Ospreys regional squad of 35 players - Lauren Aitken, Mel Clay, Rebecca Pope, Amy Stevens and Lowri Reeves.

Junior Phoenix, 10-0 down after five minutes at Cardiff Quins, fought back to win 15-10! Scrum half Kayleigh Powell got a brace of tries with Seren Hart getting the all important third try; the talented Powell was chosen by the Quins as Phoenix player of the match.

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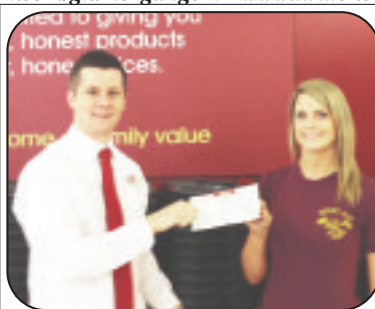
Caitlin Jones celebrated her first win as Phoenix captain.  
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Player of the match Kayleigh Powell crosses for a try.



It was a good weekend for the junior section of Pencoed RFC.



Wilko store manager, Steffan Roberts, rewards Penny Pearson with a £1,500 cheque

## Penny gets backing from her local store

A BRIDGEND weight lifter has been rewarded with a £1,500 sponsorship grant from her local Wilko store, on Nolton Street.

Penny Pearson, 24, will use the sponsorship fund to help cover the cost of training and entering competitions. At the recent 2014 British Weight Lifting Senior Championships in Coventry, she won a bronze medal.

The donation was made as part of Wilko's local stars initiative, which sponsors individuals who either have a special talent, are an inspiration to others, or help in their community.

Alongside her passion for weight lifting, Penny is a keen photographer and CrossFit enthusiast.

She uses her talent to show off the beauty of fitness and weight lifting on social media, encouraging others to take part.

Steffan Roberts, Wilko store manager, said: "It's always really inspiring to hear about the amazing talent we have in Bridgend and the local stars fund shows that where there's a Wilko, there's a way to help them on their journey."

"Penny is a fantastic representative for our town and we hope the sponsorship money goes a long way towards helping her in her weight lifting career."

Penny, added: "My family and friends are always so supportive but it's great to know I've got the backing of a local business as well. I only hope I can lift my way towards doing Bridgend proud."

# YOUNG SPORTS ARE KEPT BUSY ON AWAY TRIP!



ABOVE: Bridgend Sports under-9s are pictured with Wales and British Lions legend Martyn Williams.

A late change to the scheduled fixture required the Sports under-9s squad to travel to Cowbridge for fixtures against two top sides from the Blues region, Cowbridge and Llanishen.

Travelling with a depleted squad the Sports youngsters played three full games, narrowly losing the first against an excellent Cowbridge A team, then winning against Cowbridge B and Llanishen.

Both Cowbridge teams were very talented and skilful at moving the ball wide to pacey attacking players. Llanishen, in contrast, were very strong in the tackle area but through strong running at times the Sports showed they are able to compete and grind out results even though they were not able to produce one of their better performances.

Through the sterling efforts of coach Justin Hostettler Davies, the squad are adapting to the tackling game and players continue to develop each week.

In the first game, against Cowbridge A, the Sports paid the price for a slow start, as they failed to put in tackles on key players. This consequently allowed the opposition too much space. Cowbridge seized the initiative with an early try and attacked from deep at every opportunity.

The Sports ended up chasing the game, narrowly losing the first half 3 - 2 and the second half 4 - 3. Tries for the Sports were scored by Ben King, debutant Dewi Worrall, Mackenzie Dent, Rhys Wilson and Tyron Davies.

Cowbridge had

significant strength in depth and were able to field a strong B team for the second fixture. The team played in identical style to the A team in the first game, looking to move the ball wide to players with pace at every opportunity.

Sports countered this with some direct running through the middle with attacks through Thomas Coles, birthday boy Iestyn John, Dewi Worrall, Ben King and Mackenzie Dent.

Cowbridge scored first, but the away team, having benefitted from the earlier game, were now alive to the challenge and soon began to close down Cowbridge with players Tyron Davies, Dewi Worrall, Alex Stimpson, Thomas Chick, Thomas Coles, Cian John and Iestyn John to the fore in the tackle area.

They ended the first half three points to two in front; Cian John, Mackenzie Dent and Thomas Coles scored the tries. In the second half, the Sports pressurised the opposition into mistakes with the whole team making at least one tackle.

In attack, though, the players became a little guilty of overcrowding the centre of the field at times. Cowbridge scored first in the second half, and the Sports responded well with further tries from Mackenzie Dent (2), Alex Stimpson and

Tyron Davies to run out deserved 7 - 4 winners.

Entering the third game of the morning, the young blue and whites faced another tough challenge from Cardiff side Llanishen. The red and blacks, for long periods, contained the Sports in what became a highly competitive game that could have gone either way.

The first half ended 4-4 with Bridgend Sports scoring through a hat-trick of tries from powerhouse Mackenzie Dent and one from Ben King.

In the second half the Bridgend side just edged the game 7 - 6 with further tries from Mackenzie Dent, Thomas Chick and the final score went to Dewi Worrall, who crowned off an outstanding debut. He was deservedly awarded player of the week.

New players are always welcome with training every Wednesday currently at Broadlands School. Follow us on Twitter, @SportsMiniRugby, for regular updates.

Following the first game, the young players were honoured to have their photograph taken with Wales legend Martyn Williams, who was on hand to support the Cowbridge home team. The Sports players would like to extend their thanks to Martyn for his time.

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# Athletic youth's impressive show

BRIDGEND ATHLETIC youth played the second round of this year's Welsh youth cup when they welcomed Carmarthen Quins youth to Newbridge Fields.

The Athletic youth had something to prove to the coaches after some indifferent performances over recent weeks and with the Quins always producing quality sides this was going to be a tough test for the Bridgend team.

The ground conditions were quite soft after considerable amounts of rain over the previous weeks but from the start Bridgend Athletic youth showed they were prepared to play open rugby.

Indeed the game was only into its fifth minute when from an excellent controlled lineup on the Carmarthen 22 the ball went through the half backs Tom McCordle and Sam Richards into the centre to bring wing Matthew Wilson, running a great angle, to go over out wide for the games first try.

Full back Liam Phillips was narrowly wide with the conversion but the Ath were on the scoreboard at 5-0.

The game continued at a high pace with both sides trying to dominate each other up front. The set pieces were fairly evenly contested for a further 10 minutes but Athletic pack was beginning to show signs of getting on top in the scrums, where front row forwards Zach Evans, Hywel Cosby and a very young Owen Jenkins were outstanding.

Perhaps one of the greatest areas of improvement however was in the contact areas following some intensive coaching, where the Athletic second row of Luke Williams and Tom Seldon and back row players Matthew Bennett, Ethan Davies and Reuben Toffee were now beginning to dominate the rucks and mauls and causing huge problems for the Carmarthen team.

It was this dominance that led to the

Athletic's second try on 20 minutes when the forwards poured through holes in the Carmarthen defence and chased the ball upfield.

The Carmarthen backs could not gather the rolling ball and great chasing by the Athletic backs allowed centre Sean Wilcox to gather and crash over. Again the conversion was unsuccessful but Bridgend Athletic were now 10-0 ahead.

The Athletic XV were now in control and playing with confidence in all areas with the forwards disrupting the visitors' ball but also providing excellent home ball.

This allowed great distribution from new outside half Richards to free centres Wilcox and Craig Lewis and back three of Wilson, Rhys Lloyd and Liam Phillips, who all looked dangerous whenever they were in possession.

The Athletic forwards were putting massive pressure on the Carmarthen pack but this led to an injury to Tom Seldon who had to be replaced on 30 minutes with Javan Bell coming on in the back row.

This confidence was rewarded almost on half time when the ball was released from a set piece and the backs ran at the visitors once again.

Again the intensive training over the last couple of weeks paid off when a perfect dummy move saw speedy winger Rhys Lloyd cut inside to go over virtually unopposed for the game's third try.

This time full back Phillips slotted the conversion to take the halftime score to 17-0 to Bridgend Athletic.

The second half started with a confident Bridgend still well in control but in fairness the visitors threw everything they had and the Athletic in an attempt to get back into the match.

This pressure was telling and the visitors were beginning to give away penalties, and when they infringed at a ruck just inside their own half captain Matthew Bennett

pointed to the posts.

Full back Liam Phillips stepped up and knocked the penalty over from fully 45 metres to take the score to 20-0 and the match was looking out of sight for the west Wales team.

The coaches began to use the strong bench with Stu Floyd Ellis coming on at full back and Cameron Thomas on for Hywel Cosby at hooker. The Athletic continued in the same controlled way and made excellent use of the following wind, keeping the visitors pinned down.

Further changes in personnel saw Nathan Watts on at prop and scrum half Dan James on for Tom McCordle and these fresh legs gave the Athletic a boost, and the forward domination was again plain when after a period of rolling mauls replacement back row forward Javan Bell forced his way over in the corner for a great forwards try.

The final replacements saw forwards Ben Cording and Curtis Daniel enter the fray, while young centre Jonathan Taylor made his debut. The game did not produce any further scores despite the visitors trying their best and the game ended 25-0 to Bridgend Athletic.

The team were praised by the coaching staff of Tony Bennett, Gerwyn Wilcox, James Groom and Gavin Thomas for a massive effort shown in training over the last week which resulted in a confident and controlled performance against a very competent Carmarthen team, who are top of their Scarlets division.

Credit must go to a brave Carmarthen side for the huge determination they showed but the Bridgend Athletic coaching staff agreed that this was a performance to be proud of.

This second round game is another important step in the Welsh Cup and this win will give the youth a great confidence boost.

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The application is to vary the licence to sell alcohol from 11:00 to 00:00 hours to be extended by one hour to 01:00.

Any persons wishing to make representations to this application may do so in writing to the licensing department, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU, not later than 28 days after the date of this notice.

Representations received after this date will not be considered.

A copy of the application can be viewed at the civic offices during normal office hours.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with this application, the maximum fine on summary conviction being £5000.

**Family Notices****COOK  
Gwyneth**

On Sunday October 19, at Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, Gwyneth of Caerphilly, and formerly of St. Athan, beloved wife of the late Stuart, dear mother of Mair and Richard, and a much loved grandmother. Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonnmon. Funeral Tuesday November 4, service 11.00am at St. Athan Church, followed by interment in St. Athan Cemetery. Flowers may be sent to the Funeral Home.

**POOK  
Albert Henry**

Peacefully on October 19 at St. Davids Hospital, Cardiff, Bob of Rhoose, beloved husband of the late Marjorie, dearly loved father of Simon and dear father-in-law of Natasha, much loved grandfather of Rhys and Rhiannon.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonnmon. Funeral Thursday November 6, service 1.15pm at All Saints Church, Barry, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium Bridgend at 2.45pm. No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if desired, to Cancer Research UK, c/o J James, 11 Fonnmon Road, Rhoose, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 3DZ.

**RICHARDS  
Martin**

Passed away peacefully at his home in Llantwit Major, Martin, beloved husband of Mavis and a dearly loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

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**IRVINE  
Maureen**

Passed away peacefully on 25th October 2014, Maureen of Llantwit Major. She was a loving and much loved mother, grandmother and sister. Resting at W.A. Brown & Son, College Street, Llantwit Major until the funeral on Thursday, 6th November in Coychurch Crematorium at 11.30am.

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**LAVIS****Michaela Paula (Kyla)**

On October 26 at her home in Rhoose, after a battle with illness through which she showed great strength and courage, Kyla, beloved wife of John, dearly loved mother of Natalie and Rebecca and much loved nan of Danny, Brandon, Joel, Lucy and Kai.

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**STERRITT  
Alma (nee Fisher)**

Janet and Gill would like to thank all their lovely family and friends for their devoted love and support over the very difficult past few months of mum's illness and in their bereavement.

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## ALL SAINTS PUPILS LOOK AT LIFE FROM A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE



**YEAR-5 at All Saints Church in Wales Primary School performed their assembly to the whole school and parents on Friday, October 17.**

The pupils wrote the assembly script following their homework research on endangered species.

The assembly was based on a Christian perspective on creation and creativity, which sees life as a 'gift', entrusted by a loving creator God to humankind for a purpose.

As part of the 'Values for Life' topic this term, the pupils of year-5 have researched endangered species. They have enjoyed writing prayers and poetry on this theme.

The assembly was a fantastic success and one enjoyed by everyone who attended. Thank you to all our families who came along to support the occasion.

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## Shared Reading Group invite for Barry Library

**AFTER a recent break from regular meetings, Barry Library has announced that the Shared Reading Group will be starting up again this Friday (October 31), 1pm-2.15pm**

Anyone who has been to a shared reading session in the past is welcome to come again and new attendees can be assured of a warm welcome, a cup of tea or coffee and the chance to read a wide variety of literature from popular novel extracts to classic short stories and poems.

In recent months,

members have read works by Anton Chekhov, Edgar Rice Burroughs, Erich Maria Remarque, Jane Austen and Roald Dahl and discussed such topics as 'Why do horrible things happen to nice people?', 'Be careful what you wish for' and 'Why is it sometimes okay to be economical with the truth?'

It's a great, relaxing way to end a busy week and make new friends.

Should you require more information, please contact the libraries outreach officer, Andy Griffiths, on 01446 725381.

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## Restoration project at Dyffryn House

**IT was another successful evening at the monthly meeting of the Vale NFU Ladies.**

Rhiannon Gamble, representing the National Trust, talked passionately about the restoration work being carried out on Dyffryn House, and her enthusiasm was shown with a slide show with before and after work. Her dedication to the project was exciting to hear.

A vote of thanks was given by Elizabeth Jervis.

Next month will be the autumn trip, and the December meeting is going to be held on Wednesday, December 10, and will be the usual format of a Christmas carol service at Penllyn Church, followed by the annual Christmas party at Penllyn Village Hall.

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## Ed's foundation is still working to raise funds for cancer research



**ABOVE: Sue Evans and Catherine Jones present the cheque to Rachel Marsh from Cancer Research Wales.**

**BELOW: The cheque is presented to the Brain Tumour Society.**



**ON Saturday, October 18, the Ed Evans Foundation held a dinner dance to raise funds for Cancer Research Wales and The Brain Tumour Society.**

A total of 140 family, friends and supporters came together to enjoy a wonderful meal provided by Town and Country Caterers, with entertainment provided by a Neil Diamond Tribute and The Lounge Lizards.

A speech was given by Ed's mum Sue, who spoke about the scholarship into brain cancer research that has been launched by Cancer Research Wales in Ed's memory.

She also explained how The Brain

Tumour Charity has launched its support services for patients and their families in Wales, a position that the foundation helps to fund.

Catherine and Lorraine from the foundation presented cheques for £5,000 to Michelle Herbert from The Brain Tumour Charity and Rachel Marsh from Cancer Research Wales.

During the evening there was a silent auction and raffle, with prizes generously donated by local businesses and friends of the foundation.

A good time was had by all and the evening raised £3,000 for the foundation.

## Living a life of adventure with Maria Leijerstam

*Double world record holder Maria Leijerstam from the Vale, founder of the Burn Series of multisport events and qualified personal trainer, inspires you with a weekly column on simple family sporting adventures in the beautiful countryside of south Wales.*

**LAST weekend saw the final Burn event of the year take place at Llandaff Rowing Club.**

It was by all accounts one of the toughest events we've run since 2010, as only 10 teams managed to complete the full course. All teams did, however, complete the course with various short course options.

Cardiff Burn is a more challenging event than the Mini Burn events, and sees adults from across the UK gather in Cardiff for an event which is unique to Wales.

The event comprises a 10km run, followed by a 3km kayak and finishing with the toughest section of all which is a mountain bike orienteering phase.

This phase requires teams to find 10 check points by bike which have been placed in



strategic places around Castle Coch and Caerphilly Mountain.

It is far more than just a physical challenge because the key is to be strategic also.

If a competitor misses a check point on the mountain bike orienteering phase then a time penalty is added to their overall race time, meaning that the competitors need to weigh up whether they can get to the check point in less time that the time penalty.

It was all fun and games at the top of our Welsh mountains last weekend!

The conditions were perfect for the race with little wind and no rain so the kayaking phase on the River Taff was pleasant.

The stretch of water at Llandaff Rowing club is ideal for kayaking, with the outward bound journey slightly tougher against the flow of the river but a nice easy paddle homebound.

The Burn events are really growing in popularity, especially with females, which is very rare for adventure racing, so I'm hoping this will continue in years to come. Since it's about more than just physical fitness, it's a far more level playing field.

The final results were: the male solo category was won by local boy Alex Boakes from Caerphilly; female solo by Amanda Elias from Neath; mixed pair was won by Abigail Tiplady and Nat Marsden also from Caerphilly; male pairs by David Wyatt and Graham Barney Dean from Bristol, who have competed in every Cardiff Burn event and have now found the key to success and finally, the female pair was won by Liz Bullivant and Morgan Cadman-Davies from Bridgend.

As the nights are closing in, there is no reason to become less adventurous, so it's well worth investing in a good head torch so you can keep up your evening family adventures. Join me next week for some autumn adventures and in the meantime keep an eye on [www.burnseries.co.uk](http://www.burnseries.co.uk)

## A senior Rotary award for Dinas founder member



**Alun is seen in the photograph receiving his award with his wife Carol, alongside Colin Jones, president of the club and past district governor David Wiltshire.**

**THE Rotary Club of Dinas Powis has nominated one of its founder members, Alun Hodges, for the prestigious Rotary Paul Harris Fellowship Award.**

This has been awarded by the club and Alan is now a Paul Harris Fellow. The award was made by a past district governor for south Wales, David Wiltshire, also a Paul Harris Fellow,

and a member of the Dinas Powis Club.

The award is named after the founder of Rotary International, Paul Harris and is given for exceptional service.

The citation for Alun's award was for his work as a founder member of the Rotary Club of Dinas Powis, as a past president of the club, and for exceptional service to Rotary, over many years.





Lyndsay Ellis, pictured in black, surrounded by members of Barry Yacht Club Sea rowing.

## BARRY ROWERS LOOK BACK ON A 'WONDERFUL' SEASON

SEPTEMBER was a very busy month for the Barry Yacht Club sea rowers, who competed in the last four races of the season.

The first, held at Llansteffan, was a 10-mile distance race, the Dylan Thomas Boathouse Challenge. The mixed crew finished a creditable eighth out of 14 in a time of 1hr 51mins, also coming first in the mixed supervets class.

The following day, with some new crew members, teams competed in the men's and women's races at Solva.

On September 20, a mixed crew competed in what was probably their hardest race of the season. The Pwll Du Challenge at Mumbles turned out to be more of a challenge than expected.

At 13 miles and in difficult conditions the team, 'Gavin & Stacey', finished in 2hrs 15 minutes in seventh position out of 13. It was a brilliant performance, with one member of the team a novice rower. Well done to Emma!

The last event at Llangrannog was a fitting finale to the racing season.



Race team waiting for the start. From left: Kathie, Nicola, Jane, Tony and Paul.

With great weather and a fantastic setting Barry Rowers again acquitted themselves well, with both a men's and women's team competing.

Back at Barry, with 75 per cent of rowing members competing over the summer, all are agreed that 2014 has been a wonderful season, travelling to some of the best parts of the Pembrokeshire coast.

To the support of the Yacht Club, the rowers now have a fully refurbished support boat. The Barrian, will be used for future long distance rows.

Also, thanks to the generosity of a local businessman and rower,

Lyndsay Ellis of The Vale Funeral Service, the club now has a brand new launching trolley, making the task of boat launch and recovery very much easier.

Rowing through the winter will now be confined to weekends, weather permitting, although there will be opportunities for indoor training to help maintain fitness levels to be well prepared for the 2015 season.

For anyone interested in trying out this fantastic sport, having fun and meeting loads of enthusiastic people, there is a 'New Rowers' session planned for Saturday, November 1. Alternatively, email rowingsection@barryyac.htclub.co.uk.



Howard Lavis, who managed the refurbishment, on board the Barrian, accompanied by Brian Dotchon.

## Wales RL give good account of themselves

WALES gave a good impression of themselves in Albi against a strong French side and the inexperienced Welsh will go away with a lot of credit and plenty of memorable moments despite a 42-22 defeat which sees them unable to win the European Championship.

Wales fielded their 500th player, in North Wales Crusaders' Owain Griffiths who entered the fray in the 27th minute. Rhys Williams' scored a record extending 15th try for Wales, while Christian Roets scored his 13th, which puts him above Iestyn Harris in second place in the all time Wales try scoring charts.

France took the lead on eight minutes when Clément Soubeyras received the ball from Theo Fagas and sprinted to the line. Remy Marginet converted.

Wales levelled straight away. After winning a scrum after a French mistake from kick-off,

Dan Fleming forced his way over and Lewis Reece converted.

A fine break from Jason Baitieri set up Theo Fagas to go over just left of the sticks. Marginet converted.

Two tries just before the interval just about put the game out of Wales' reach through Jean-Philippe Baille and Mathias Pala, putting the French 24-6 up at the break.

Marginet increased the French lead but Matty Fozard did well to score Wales' second try that Reece converted.

However, tries in the corner from Mathias Pala and Marginet, both converted by Marginet, extended France's lead further to 42-12.

Rhys Williams went over and Reece again added the extras. The try competition between Roets and Williams saw Roets force his way over and Reece missed for the first time, but the French emerged victorious.

# Hockey team get back to winning ways

THERE was a reversal of fortune for the two Penarth Hockey Club sides in the latest round of matches in the Davis Wood Hockey League, with the First XI bouncing back to form with an 8-3 win.

Penarth's senior side shrugged off the 11-0 thrashing suffered at the hands of table-topping Hereford to take out their frustration on lowly Cheltenham as they visited Barry Sports Centre.

A week ago, an early goal precipitated the Hereford landslide, but this time it was Penarth who got the early goal, as Dave Kidby finished a nice move after just five minutes.

Within two minutes, the advantage had doubled when Phil Lane smashed home a reverse stick finish following a Richard Baker through ball, and Penarth gradually exerted their control over the game.

The visitors' chances were few and far between and, although some excellent finishing saw them grab a goal back, Penarth soon restored their two-goal lead when Baker netted a rebound following a thunderous drag flick from brother Chris.

However, with scoring appearing easy, Penarth looked complacent at times, and again allowed the visitors to get within touching-distance by conceding shortly before the break, but bounced back once more on the interval as Lane grabbed a second following a crafty penalty corner routine.

Despite holding a two-goal margin, Penarth looked nervous at the start of the second half and failed to keep possession for any length of time. This allowed Cheltenham to pull one goal back shortly after the restart, and the visitors were unlucky not to level the game as they forced the ball over the line following a goalmouth melee, only for the 'score' to be disallowed as the umpire had

already awarded them a penalty corner!

Grateful for the reprieve, Penarth gradually found their feet again and started to play some very good hockey. Chris Baker put them 5-3 up with a drag flick and scored a second shortly after to take the tally to six.

The score could have been higher but for some woeful finishing, but Penarth eventually bagged another brace with goals from Sam Chick and Kidby to end the match in a comfortable 8-3 win for the Bears that keeps them in fifth place overall in De Cymru & The Marches 1.

**PENARTH 'A' 0-1 GWENT 'B'**

A rare Sunday fixture robbed the 2nd XI of key players ahead of the visit of mid-table rival Gwent 'B', and the Vale side again failed to come away with points from a game which, on paper, they probably should have won.

A poor display saw Penarth revert to the long ball game, with little discernible shape to the side. Unable to get their usual passing game together, youngsters Sam Salisbury and Rory Vizard were frustrated going forward, and Penarth created very little in the way of a goalmouth threat.

Despite a Matt Birch penalty corner going close, the chances that did occur were ably dealt with by the Gwent 'keeper.

The visitors took advantage of Penarth's problems by going one goal up late in the first half, with a break from the back leaving Paul Roberts facing two-on-one. As a result, Richard

Bromiley, the team's fourth goalkeeper in six league games, was left too exposed to prevent the score and the home side went into the interval a goal behind.

Called upon in an emergency, Bromiley had an otherwise solid game, pulling off some fine saves to keep the scores close, but Penarth rarely looked like drawing level, despite a late Graeme Jones shot – following a fine through ball from the hard-working Rob Harrison – fizzing narrowly wide.

The returning Nathan Townsend also put in a heavy shift in midfield, vainly attempting to provide the beleaguered defence with extra support, but it was to no avail, as Gwent ran out winners by the only goal.

League games continue this weekend, with the First XI facing an away trip to ninth-placed Lansdowne, knowing a win will keep them in touch with the promotion places.

The 2nd XI, meanwhile, will need to step up their game with a trip to Cwmbran to face Gwent 'A' who are among the early season pace setters in De Cymru 2.

Penarth Hockey Club welcomes new, old and returning players, umpires, supporters, friends and helpers regardless of age and ability.

Training takes place on the artificial turf at Barry Sport Centre every Wednesday, with the juniors in action 6pm to 7pm and seniors between 7pm and 8pm.

Further information can be obtained from club secretary Dave Stevens (d.stevens81@hotmail.co.uk).

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## Inter made to work for win

BARRY INTER racked up goals from Jacob (two), Iestyn, Eski and Owen against Danescourt.

However, the team then stopped playing their passing game and started panicking, not playing like a side that were comfortably ahead.

Danescourt came back with two goals in the first half and two in

the second half, but Inter didn't crumble and at the end of the day got the win.

It shows how far the boys have come that they were disappointed to win in this manner, but a win is a win.

Team: Connor, Josh, Aron, Dan, Charlie, Sion, Lloyd, Eski, Iestyn, Jacob, James, Jack, Mason and Owen.

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## Bridge results

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for October 27:

1st Simon and Debbie Richards 63.64 per cent, 2nd= Irene Thomas and Graham Jones 61.0, and Vida Halford and Glyn Williams.

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## Competitions start in earnest for chess club

THIS week saw the start of two different competitions for the Barry Chess Club – the Welsh Premier League and the fifth Barry Club Championships.

The Premier League takes place over seven Sundays commencing in October and finishing in the Spring. The games are longer than we normally play and on this occasion board order is decided by FIDE ratings, rather than the East Glamorgan ratings we normally use.

Perhaps because of the increased strength of FIDE competitions, the individual players often have lower FIDE ratings than in our league games.

As always seems to be the case we, the Vale, are one of the lower ranked teams in this tournament, with only Bridgend Central ranked to finish below us, so it is no surprise if we lose matches. We have also been hampered this season by the strongest player, David Sully, taking a 12-month sabbatical.

Our first match was away to Cardigan. While three of our players have yet to earn a FIDE rating, the top four Cardigan boards all had a higher ranking than our top board.

Ben Thomas and Neil Stuart both earned creditable wins and, with Dave Parsons earning a draw, Barry lost narrowly, 3.5-2.5. This was a good result against a strong team.

This was followed by the first round out of seven in the Barry Club Championship. This is also a monthly competition starting in October and finishing in May.

The first round matched the top nine players against the bottom nine. On each board there was a differential of at least 500 ranking points between the players. There were some short games and some which took a lot longer.

However, at the end of the evening the higher ranked players each recorded a victory. The only exception was Matthew Parry who, at short notice, was unable to attend, giving victory to Windsor Lewis.

The next round will pitch round one winners against other round one winners and likewise with the first round losers.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY. The club is open to players of all standards, whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome; if you contact one of the club members through the website, we can arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at <http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com>.

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# Blaenau too strong for Sully's bowlers!

**SULLY Indoor bowls team welcomed Blaenau Gwent to Sully Stadium on Saturday in what was going to be one of the important games of this season's league matches.**

Sully, who had won their two opening

league games, were up against Blaenau Gwent, who are favourites to win the league again this year, having just failed in the play-offs to gain promotion to the Premiership last year, and Sully would have to be at their best to win this game.

Unfortunately, Sully had to make six changes to the side

that beat Ogwr the previous week but were still confident of putting up a good performance.

The game began with Sully getting a superb start and finding themselves 22 shots ahead by the fifth end, with only one rink behind by just one shot.

By the 10th end, the opponents had

reduced the deficit to just four shots and were beginning to play well, having got used to a green that is slower than their own green.

Blaenau Gwent were now playing the green with full confidence and were beginning to take control and by the 15th end had overturned their deficit to lead by 12 shots.

Over the final six ends, the visitors, with a number of internationals in the team, showed their class to close the game out to win by 22 shots, 110 - 132, with Sully taking five points to Blaenau Gwent's 17.

Sully's next game is away to Taff Ely at Pontypridd on Saturday.

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## Sully bridge results

**MONDAY, October 20:**

North/South - 1st Alan Jones/Carolyn Matthews 62.50, 2nd Patsy Cohen/Joy Secular 57.18, 3rd Gareth Stone/Brian Gardner 54.63.

East/West - 1st Peter Millar/Jane Brook 62.50, 2nd Anne Johns/John Pikoulis 59.49, 3rd Italo Basiletti/Sean MacDougall 56.7.

Wednesday, October 22, North/South -

1st Peter Millar/Trish Tracy 64.29, 2nd Jane Greatrex/John Pikoulis 59.07, 3rd Carol James/Alan James

57.42, East/West - 1st Una Gavin/Judy Collins 65.75, 2nd Val Davies/Merion Avon 62.00, 3rd Anne Hilary Jones/Sean MacDougall 58.00.

Saturday, October 25, North/South - 1st Peter Millar/Trish Tracy 72.22, 2nd Jane Greatrex/Anne Hilary Jones 65.08, 3rd Hazel Craig/Peter Craig 50.00, East/West - 1st Anne MacDougall/Sean MacDougall 59.13, 2nd Mary Cartwright/Pat Verdon 58.33, 3rd Una Gavin/Pam Sherman 57.14.

## MP visits karate club



**VALE MP Alun Cairns visited a talented group of youngsters at Rising Sun Kyokushin karate club recently.**

Mr Cairns joined group leader and local footballer Spencer Bennett, where he saw the group in action, and observed the skills and dedication required to achieve a black belt in the martial art.

Mr Cairns said: "I was thrilled to have been

invited to visit the club and meet Spencer and his group. I must pay credit to the work undertaken by instructors to train so many children in such a disciplined and skilful martial art.

"What impressed me most was the self-control shown by the youngsters and the dedication shown by the adults in the group. I fully support local clubs that develop the character of children as well as sporting skills often with very limited funding."

## Dinas Wolves give six of the best to Sully

**IT was a very professional performance from the Dinas Wolves against Sully on Saturday.**

Knowing the home side are a strong outfit at this level, Dinas had to be on their game throughout.

Dinas started very brightly. Saunders thought he had opened the scoring but was adjudged to be offside. Moments later Sully broke through and scored a well-worked goal to take an early lead.

This only spurred the team in red and black on. Morris and Stowell made sure the defence had quality balls to allow them to play out. Doughty, Fifield and Harewood started to win the battle in the middle of the park while Hewitson and Saunders are a force for any defence on their day.

Goals soon came from Saunders, Hewitson, Booker and Quest, the latter being the goal of the game with a one-touch move freeing Booker up to cross to Quest, who powered in a fine back post header.

At the break, the visitors looked very comfortable and O'Brien, Mallam, Frost, Lewis, Mossey and Williams all taking it in turns in defence, coped very well.

The big question was how Wolves would cope playing into the wind; the answer was simple - keep it down and try and play out. Using all their substitutes wisely is key at this age and replacing players regularly was a great benefit to Dinas.

Perceria battled very hard throughout the match showing why he is a key player for his determination showing through. The second

half was a battle as Sully threw bodies forward but Mossey, Lewis, O'Brien and Williams showed why they are regarded very highly.

Harewood Doughty and Fifield are all very capable players using the ball wisely to free up Booker and Hewitson wide. Saunders chased every lost ball down, making it very hard for Sully to play out.

Sully managed to pull a goal back but Dinas soon struck again when Doughty popped up in the pocket to rifle home. The final period of the game saw Frost play in an unfamiliar role but was able to play football and look for an early ball out.

After a few under-par performances when the lads know they could have played a more attractive game, it was very refreshing to see them get back to playing the right way.

**Final score Sully 2 Dinas 6; man of the match - Kyle Booker.**

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## Lewis to the rescue for ladies

**THIS game between Dinas Ladies FC and Cardiff Ladies was played at a good pace from start to finish, as Dinas ladies showed why you should never give up.**

Cardiff got off to a bright start, moving the ball very well and outmuscling the home side in the early encounters. With 15 minutes gone, the visiting team got their reward as their striker finished very well.

Dinas slowly got back into the game and Tracey White looked the best option to draw the game level with a few chances as she moved into a more advanced role, while Gillard was bossing the middle with her strength.

At the break, the game was evenly balanced, even though the home side were trailing.

The second half saw the Dinas ladies stand up and be counted, and for long spells they threw

everything at the Cardiff team.

The home side did ride their luck for a 10-minute spell as Cardiff pushed hard and looked very lively on the break but Harold in goal was on fine form.

The wide players from Dinas were again on form, beating their players at times with ease but failing to find the killer pass. Young Howells showed her talent to run with the ball time and time again, but the 'never-say-die' qualities on show were key as L Lewis struck the post with five minutes remaining to fire a warning.

As the game went into injury time, and with the final pass of the game from S Ahmad, Lewis coolly slotted home past the keeper to seal a point for the hard-working Dinas ladies.

Dinas have grown as a team and, with new additions, look more than capable of moving up the table.

LS

## 13 IS LUCKY FOR SAINTS

**BARRY Saints continued their great form with a resounding 13-1 victory over John Davey Builders.**

Saints were quick off the mark with Darren Townsend opening the scoring with a well struck effort in the box.

Joey Matthews grabbed the second with a great shot from outside the box finding the bottom corner. Nathan Williams got in on the act finishing well inside the box.

Andrew Townsend grabbed a goal from a quick free kick to leave the keeper stranded, soon after adding a second, finishing easily in a one on one situation.

Williams grabbed a second, finding the bottom corner, before Darren Townsend scored his second, smashing the ball past the keeper.

Andrew Townsend scored a delightful hat-trick goal, picking the ball up from a short corner on the edge of the box before placing the ball in to

the top corner.

Saints made changes at halftime and with it lost a bit of momentum, conceding a goal from a corner after poor marking.

The goal reignited Barry and Nathan Williams grabbed his hat-trick goal, smashing an unstoppable left foot shot from the edge of the box.

Darren Townsend then added another after bursting past his marker to slot into the bottom corner.

Soon after Darren Townsend scored a contender for goal of the season. As the ball fell to him around 35 yards out he hit an outrageous attempt into the top corner.

Joey Matthews added his second after great work on the left; his low shot, which was heading into the bottom corner, was turned in with a little help from the Builders defender.

Darren Townsend added to his tally and finished the scoring with a sidefoot finish into the bottom corner.

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# Barry & District LDS Skittle League results

## Results for week commencing October 6:

First Division: Pila  
Palas (M Jones, A  
Williams 231) 312,  
Allsorts (C Griffiths 31)  
311; Castaways (K  
Billings 35) 288,  
Coppers (D Nesbitt 27),  
247; Barry Stars (S  
Phillips, D James 31)  
318, SV Gals (S Wride  
32) 307; Family Affair  
(G Davies 27) 244,  
Colcot LDS (K Miller  
27) 238; Family &  
Friends (H Provis, J  
Jones, J Phillips, J  
Kirby 24) 249, Admirals  
(L Beswick, P Peters,  
Sue Clemens 24) 224;  
Bakers Dozen (C  
Briggins 32) 263, Space

Finders (L Jones 24)  
245; Cigar LDS (B  
Gough 32) 304; Special  
Angels (P Grisdale 31)  
263.  
Second Division: SV  
Lights (B Kenefick 26)  
240, Strikers (H Hicks  
3) 269; After Eights (P  
Mephram 34) 296,  
Roller Coasters (J Ebbs,  
J Mariot 29) 272; Divas  
(S Peakson, C Jenkins,  
P Hazlewood 21) 224,  
Witchill Widows (M  
McKinney 28) 222;  
Weebies (J Brian, D  
Dangerfield 33) 321,  
Vixens (C Wilson, M  
Marks 30) 322; Rhooose  
Starlights (E Davies 26)  
252, Bobby's Girls (S  
Snelson 30) 264;  
Breakaways (C Parfitt

35) 303, Castle Bandits  
(L Nash 31) 306; Cad  
Con Fillies (S Thurston,  
T Clements 25) 256,  
Clickies (M Thomas  
390) 240.  
Third Division: Dolly  
Mixtures (C Abbott 24)  
188, Rhooose Ravens (G  
Ballow 23) 209; Hill  
Billies (E Anzani 32)  
267, Jolly Dollies (K  
Wright 31) 296;  
Westenders (M Condon  
28) 233, Airways  
Angels (M Carpenter  
26) 230; Persuaders (K  
Kem, E Scott 24) 230,  
Rugby Triers (D Sherrin  
22) 214; Etceteras (S  
Taylor 32) 274; Witchill  
Wanderers (C Nicholson  
25) 238.

Fourth Division:  
BFFs (A Finn 28) 210,  
Odd Bods (V Avient 24)  
226; Off The Rails (L  
McCormack 22) 209,  
Twilights (P Govier 26)  
250; La Belles (C  
Knight, R Clogg, E  
Cordy 32) 316, Railway  
Rogues (B Binding 34)  
280.

Fifth Division: Hell  
Raisers (V Knott 25)  
186, Liberals (F  
Williams, K Palmer 28)  
228; Billy Busters (H  
James 21) 189, Nite  
Outers (J Davies 35)  
222; Guardian Angels (A  
N Bull, I Overton 23)  
204, Park Belles (C  
Pearson 20) 141.

# THE MMG B ARE STUNNED AS DRAW SNATCHED FROM JAWS OF VICTORY!

**PLAYER/manager  
Lee Galsworthy is  
still trying to work  
out how MMG B  
didn't win this  
game against FC  
Barry comfortably.**

The opening exchanges were quite cagey with both teams probing each side for signs of weakness. It was a real second division game with lots of old heads on both sides playing in a good competitive spirit. MMG B stared to get on top and their superior football on the deck had FC Barry on the back foot. The deadlock was duly broken when a free kick was awarded to

MMG 25 yards out which was dispatched into the top corner by David Evans.

FC Barry were for the most part playing long ball football which was causing MMG some problems but the back three of Galsworthy, Dave Allen and Paul Edwards, ably assisted by the wing backs of Andrew Mason and David Evans, were coping well.

However, the staunch defence was beaten when a miss-hit cross from Aaron Barnett looped over goalkeeper Ross Liddiard's head and into the net.

This only spurred MMG on and Evans

scored again with a solo run seeing him ghost past four FC Barry players before beating Anthony Jones at the near post.

They should have scored again when the hard-working Barrie Coslett failed to put the ball into an empty net with the FC Barry defence and the goalkeeper nowhere in sight, a feat which was unbelievably repeated by Evans in the second half.

The second half started much the same as the first half finished, and a sublime strike from 30 yards from the evergreen Elliot Cayton took the score to 3-1. Paul Murphy was

controlling the midfield well and Drew Burniston was working hard up front, but without getting much luck.

MMG continued to press for a fourth but the resolute defence of FC Barry held firm with some weak finishing, sterling last-ditch tackles and some good saves keeping them in the game.

MMG made a couple of substitutions bringing on Mike Evans and Josh Cummings. This did not have the desired effect and a breakaway goal for FC Barry was finished well by striker Sean White.

Gareth Richards of FC started to move forward and was beginning to influence the game. This did not stop the chances from MMG but yet again the defence stood firm with

John Harding rolling back the years in a strong display.

MMG made a final roll of the dice by chucking Morgan Rodgers on up front. However, and perhaps inevitably, the game finished all square - although MMG dominated for large periods FC never gave up.

It was another veteran, Julian Webb, who scored the equaliser with seven minutes to go, tapping in from five yards after a great initial save from Liddiard.

MMG would like to thank their sponsor BRT International for their support and for providing them with kit, and would also like to thank the Cwm Talwg pub for their support.

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## From Tashkent with love

**AN ideal Christmas present for soccer fans, and especially Cardiff City ones, is Mario Risoli's new book, *From Tashkent With Love*.**

It is a tale of courage, heartbreak and glory spanning four decades and tells the remarkable story of Cardiff City's football adventures across Europe in the European Cup Winners' Cup.

From the thrilling 1-0 victory against the mighty Real Madrid at Ninian Park in 1971, to the heartbreak of a last minute 3-2 home defeat in the semi-final against FC Hamburg in 1968, Cardiff's 24 Cup Winner's Cup games are all recalled by the best selling author who interviewed more than 70 former players in the writing of this comprehensive book.

Their 29-year European odyssey saw the Bluebirds face some of the biggest names in continental football - Sporting Lisbon, Zaragoza, FC Porto and Dynamo Berlin - and included their epic 1968 pulsating quarter-final tie against the crack Soviet side, Moscow Torpedo.

With the game switched from icy Moscow to Tashkent, in what is now Uzbekistan, City were forced to make a remarkable 8,000-mile round trip to the borderlands of China and Afghanistan, a journey which still survives as one of the furthest distances travelled by any British club in a European cup competition.

This well-illustrated large format paperback book is published by St David's Press at £16.99.

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## Vale trainers' Ludlow success

**VALE trainers Tim Vaughan and Evan Williams both saddled winners at Ludlow last Thursday.**

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# New boys show the old hands how it's done



Pairs winners David Evans and Roy Harding. ALL PHOTOS BY EWAN HEPPESTALL



Championship winner Rob Byrne receiving his trophy from club captain Kelvin Chedgoy (left) and chairman Derek Brook (right).

**RECENT recruits to Cadoxton Bowling Club stole the limelight at the annual awards presentation evening in the Victoria Park clubhouse on October 17, recording significant victories over long-time members and veteran bowlers.**

The trophies were presented before a packed audience by the club captain Kelvin Chedgoy and the club chairman Derek Brook, in the absence through illness of the club's president Les Cundliffe.

The championship final was won by newcomer Rob Byrne, playing in his first full season, who beat Jim Stacey in a hard-fought match. Recent recruit Paul Swannick did exceptionally well,

winning the novices final, the Two Bowl final and being part of the winning team in the Triples final.

Older hands who performed splendidly included David Evans and Ron Harding who won the Pairs championship and John Jones who gained the Jack Hartman trophy.

A very competitive match was played in the Handicap final, with victory going to Steve Clarke over Gordon Davies.

Two special meritorious awards were made. Howard Hellyar, a great supporter of the club's sporting and social activities over the years, was chosen to receive the captains' award for the person who had contributed most to the club's achievements, and Jim Stacey, who cheers up and enlivens every match he plays in, was selected by club members as the personality of the year.

## Barrivale bridge



**LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for October 21.**

First, Mike Close and Denis Mottram 68.33 per cent; second, Kay Dyer and Noelle Bond, 63.59; third, Peter Millar and Joan Jenkins, 58.75.

Mike Close and Denis Mottram also won on handicap.

The winners of the men's pairs event for 2014 are Dave Thomas and Tom Kendrick (pictured above).

New members are always welcome at Barrivale, where a partner may be arranged if required. If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

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# THE HOLTON ROAD JUNIORS LOOK SPA-KLING IN NEW KIT



**HOLTON ROAD AFC under-14s are pictured proudly showing off their new football kit, kindly sponsored by Aqua Spas & Pools, Atlantic Gate, Atlantic Trading Estate, Barry.**

The club would like to thank Julian and Natalie of Aqua Spas & Pools for their support of the team by donating a football kit to the team.

The club rely on the support of sponsors to make sure the boys have the equipment and kit required to progress and grow as individuals and more importantly as a team.

Aqua Spas' generous financial support of grass roots football enabled them to purchase their first kit.

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## ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

**THE jumps season is hotting up and between them, Vale trainers Evan Williams and Tim Vaughan have a number of promising horses which are thought capable of noteworthy improvement.**

Well, that's according to the 39th Timeform Chasers & Hurdlers annual which runs to over 1,000 pages and contains, in alphabetical sequence, an individual Timeform commentary (with the Timeform Rating) for the 9,185 horses that ran over

jumps in Britain last season, plus the pick of the most promising Irish horses that were not seen in Britain.

The wealth of insight contained in this 'bible' of National Hunt racing makes it a must for owners, trainers, riders and jump racing enthusiasts who take their sport seriously.

The three horses from Tim Vaughan's Aberthyn yard which we are to look out for are Fayette County, Lamool and Oscar's Den, while the ones to watch from Evan Williams' Llanccafan stables are Barrakilla, Buywise,

Copper Birch, Milo Man and Prima Porta.

Last season, Williams finished in 15th place in the trainers' championship, while Vaughan was 21st, just ahead of west Wales trainer Rebecca Curvis. However, it was Pembrokeshire's Peter Bowen who was the top trainer in Wales, finishing in 13th place.

**NEW JUMP RACING FESTIVAL AT CHEPSTOW**

CHEPSTOW Racecourse will host a two-day jumping festival in 2015. The double header, on October 10-11, will effectively launch the winter

**jump season in the UK.**

The new meeting is one of the highlights of the 2015 fixture list at the Welsh track and other dates include an evening meeting on Saturday, May 30, and the first Sunday fixture in living memory on August 2.

The Coral Welsh National will be run on Sunday, December 27, while there are the usual Bank Holiday dates of Easter Monday (April 6) and Monday, August 31.

Please e-mail your news and views to [brianlee4@virginmedia.com](mailto:brianlee4@virginmedia.com) or call him on 02920 736438.

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## Second half is the charm as Heol Y Cyw advance in Plate



Paul Songhurst stretches across the try line to open the scoring for Heol Y Cyw.



Chris Howe crosses for the team's fourth try.

**IN this Swalec Plate second round fixture, Heol Y Cyw welcomed Pontyclun to Greenfields on a very blustery afternoon.**

Cyw started against the wind and several early attacks by the home side were comfortably thwarted by Pontyclun. Cyw were conceding too many penalties and giving

away good attacking positions.

Huw Probyn, the Pontyclun full back, opened the scoring with a well taken penalty after another infringement by Cyw.

The home side tried running the ball back at Pontyclun and some clever handling by second row forwards Jordan Hawkins and Wayne Howe carried Cyw up field.

Towards the end of a

dour first half the referee reduced Cyw to 13 men with wing Paul Songhurst yellow carded for a harsh tackle and then centre Rhys Thomas following a moment later for another tackle infringement.

Probyn calmly claimed the three points for the penalty as the referee blew for halftime. Pontyclun leading 0-6

The second half started with the wind

favouring Cyw and outside half Michael Huckridge showed his intent with a few well-placed kicks into the corner to pressurize Pontyclun.

While pinned in their own half Pontyclun infringed and Huckridge converted the penalty to halve the lead. Cyw then gave away another penalty to give Probyn an easy three points for Pontyclun.

With Cyw restored to 15 men Huckridge kicked long into the corner and the Pontyclun wing and fullback failed to gather the ball safely, winger Paul Songhurst gratefully toasting his chance to stretch over in the corner to score a try the game and Cyw desperately needed.

Michael Huckridge converted from the touchline with a wonderful weighted kick for Cyw to take the lead 10-9.

The Cyw supporters sensed the game was about to turn. Another period of sustained pressure caused a Pontyclun fumble and

Wayne Howe gathered the ball and quickly moved it wide to centre Rhys Thomas, who sprinted past the opposing wing to score in the other corner; Huckridge again converted.

Cyw by this time were dominant and a further penalty by Huckridge in front of the posts took the score to 20-9. Almost all the play now took place inside the Pontyclun half and a loose kick from Pontyclun was caught by Ryan Griffiths and the flying winger rounded the defence to score in the corner. The conversion from Huckridge was narrowly wide.

Cyw advanced again and again in the dying moments centre Chris Howe cut back inside to slide in under the posts for Cyw's fourth try which Mike Huckridge converted for a final score of 32-9.

Cyw's man of the match award was shared by Scott Hancock and captain Luke O'Driscoll.

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Pencoed walk out to face Beddau in the Swalec Plate. PICTURE BY JULIE HANCOCK

## Pencoed RFC battle through to next round of the Plate!

**THIS Swalec Plate Round 2 match featured two unbeaten teams in their respective East Central 1 and West Central 2 divisions in Beddau and Pencoed.**

Pencoed were under no illusions as to the size of their task ahead, Mount Pleasant never a place for the faint hearted.

Pencoed started well with centre Lloyd Ryland stating his intentions with a fierce midfield tackle, before breaking cleanly down the middle and setting up the position for his team's opening score, outside half Adam Williams landing a 40 metre penalty goal.

With the home side taking play into the Pencoed 22 from the restart, the Pencoed pack did well to turnover possession, and they were duly rewarded by full back Tom Cross with a 50 metre touch finder.

Pencoed back row forwards Gareth Prentice and Aaron Halse then combined from a lineout to take play into the home 22 and from a resultant penalty opportunity Williams fired over his second

penalty from the touchline.

Beddau returned to the Pencoed 22, and once again Pencoed stole home possession through the efforts of back row forward Dai Pearson. The opening 20 minutes territorially belonged to Pencoed and Williams slotted his third penalty.

The home side then picked up a yellow card and Williams compounded their problems with a sweetly struck penalty goal from 50 metres, Pencoed leading 12-0.

Pencoed wing Liam Halse then did well, initially saving a dangerous Beddau counter before changing defence into attack with a 50 metre kick and chase to within metres of the home line, and his charge down of a desperate clearance gave Pencoed prime position.

The Pencoed pack, which were going well at this stage of the match, needed no second invitation, and a lineout catch and drive saw them take play to the home line where Ryland capitalised on his forwards' efforts to force his way over; Williams added the extras and Pencoed led 0-19.

A huge hit from Pearson typified Pencoed resolve, but shortly afterwards home full back Tom Benjamin opened his side's account. Despite conceding a penalty at the scrum the Pencoed pack were beginning to get on top in this department.

Paul Macfarlane then did well to steal a home throw at the lineout and approaching the halftime whistle only good defensive work from Halse and Williams thwarted Beddau some metres out from the Pencoed try line, and Pencoed led 3-19 at the interval.

The expected Beddau challenge was soon to mount and in the opening minutes of the half a

lineout catch and drive saw replacement Adam Court plunge over, Benjamin adding the extras to reduce the Pencoed lead to 10-19.

As the half was unfolding Pencoed came under increasing pressure due to both the home effort and their injury ravaged pack which saw them lose Macfarlane and Pearson, then replacement Rhys Pope within minutes of taking his place on the field.

If this wasn't enough hooker Ieuan Watkins and second row Ashley Halse were both in obvious distress, somehow manfully staying on the field.

A measured attacking crossfield kick from Williams almost brought a score, Pencoed unfortunately knocking on in the act of scoring.

The final 10 minutes at Mount Pleasant were anything but, the home side further reducing the Pencoed lead with a Benjamin penalty, before returning to the Pencoed 22 for a final onslaught in the dying minutes.

A home score seemed almost inevitable with the Pencoed pack so depleted, but urged on by the considerable Pencoed support for one final defensive effort the team repelled everything the home side could throw at them, and the sound of Elgan Williams' final whistle metres from their own line brought a mixture of relief and joyous celebrations for a thoroughly deserved victory.

In the Beddau side back row forwards Christian Francis and captain Glenn Slater could not have done anyone in their quest for victory. For Pencoed full back Tom Cross got the man of the match accolade, his lengthy kicking giving Pencoed valuable territory gains while looking solid under the high ball.

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## PORTHCAWL BRIDGE CLUB - LATEST NEWS



Pictured are Pat Roper, Janet Richards (chairman) and Tony Haworth.

**RECENTLY, the club held its Mixed Pairs Championship and the winners were Pat Roper and Tony Haworth.**

It was Pat's first trophy win since joining the club about five years ago. The evening was complemented by an excellent cheese and wine organised by the committee ladies.

Other results are: Saturday, October 11, First - Terry Dolan and Kate Craven; second - Colin and Hazel Heard.

Monday, October 13: First - Peter and Sandie Jenkins; second - Jean Hughes and Peter Bennett.

Thursday, October 16: First - Trish Saunders and Pat Cogbill; second - Roger Plant and Terry Dolan.

Saturday, October 18: First - Dil and Marian Evans; second - Connie Dick and Roger Draper.

Monday, October 20: First - Roger Plant and Terry Dolan; second - Peter and Sandie Jenkins.

Thursday, October 23, Club Mixed Pairs for the Haworth Salver - First - Pat Roper and Tony Haworth; second - Pat Haworth and Gary Williams.

The club meets three times a week - Saturday and Thursday at the Awel-y-Mor centre, and Monday at the Glamorgan Holiday Hotel, 7pm-10.15pm. Visitors are welcome at any time.

To contact the club, call secretary Trish on 01656 785794.

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## Bridgend Bridge Club

**THE results for Bridgend Bridge Club for recent events are:**

Wednesday, October 22 - First, John Beard and Kevin Maddox; Second, Irene Wickham and Glyn Williams; Equal Third, David Crompton and David Bowen & Irene Thomas and Graham Jones. Winners on handicap - David Crompton and David Bowen.

Friday, October 24 - First, John Henson and Terry Dolan; Second Eileen Mahoney and Jeff Barnett; Third Tony and Emer Disley. Winners on handicap - Eileen Mahoney and Jeff Barnett.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesdays and Fridays at Noltan Church Hall at 7pm. We try to start at 7pm so it helps if people arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursdays from 2pm to 5pm, also at Noltan Church Hall, there are gentle bridge sessions for the less experienced bridge players where assistance is readily available.

The best placed improvers for October 23 were Colin Lewis, Stuart Davies, Leila O'Hagan, Diane Reynolds, Frances Heslin and Dee French.

There are lessons on Thursdays at 11am, also at Noltan Church Hall - these are primarily for beginners and those who have played some bridge and would like to improve either or both their bidding and card play.

It is still possible to book a place on the course - for further information contact John Evans on 01656 880372.

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